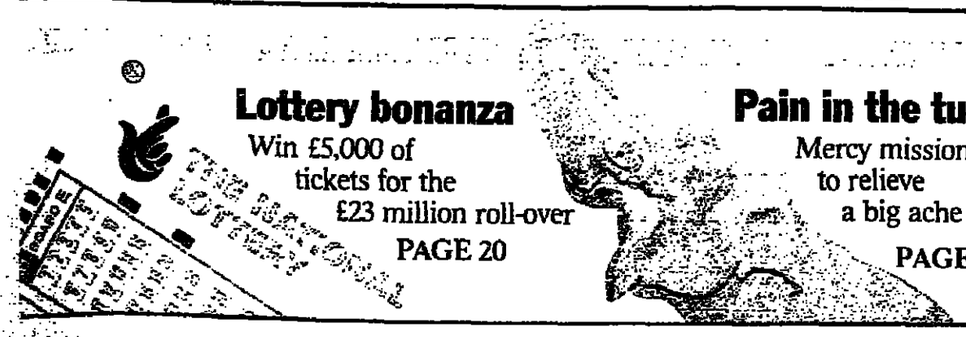
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Two men pulled from under ice lake after trying to save girl, aged 11, who went after dog

Fight to save victims from frozen lake

BY PAUL WILKINSON

DOCTORS were last night fighting to revive an 11-year-old girl and a man who tried to rescue her when she fell into a freezing lake. A fireman who had also gone to her aid was declared dead after a six-hour battle to save him. All three had been trapped under the ice for more than two hours.

Onlookers feared that they were all dead when they were pulled from the water in a park at Kinsley in West Yorkshire, but emergency medical staff believed that their bodies had been "shut down" by the sub-zero temperatures.

Extra staff were called to Pontefract General Infirmary to help the five-strong medical teams working to revive Tracey Patterson and her two rescuers. Although they were showing no signs of recovery after several hours, doctors refused to give up hope until their temperatures had been raised to normal.

The men had gone into the lake after Tracey followed her dog on to the ice and fell through at lunchtime yesterday. The first, aged about 50, also fell into the 6 ft deep, freezing water. Michael Mee, an off-duty fireman who was walking in the park with his wife and family, then tried to save the pair by spreading a tarpaulin across the ice, but he, too, fell through. He was declared dead at 8 pm.

A team of six firefighters waded neck deep into the water, smashing the ice before them, in a desperate attempt to find the three, but without success. One refused to come out and stayed chest deep in the lake for 20 minutes until a senior officer gave him a direct order to return to the bank. All six later received treatment for hypothermia.

A police diving team had by then taken over what was assumed to be a search for bodies. Using an underwater camera, they found the three about 20 yards from the water's edge more than two hours after the girl slipped through the ice. The victims were swaddled in foil sheets and blankets and driven the five miles to Pontefract. The dog's body was also recovered.

Chief Inspector Mike Devlin, who led the rescue efforts, said the alarm had been raised at about 12.20 pm by another girl and a woman who had been with Tracey. Ten minutes later, all three victims had disappeared. He said: "The fireman's wife saw everything. Both men have been very, very brave."

The other firemen were given warm baths at a nursing home overlooking the lake. Their station officer, Ian Clegg, said: "They were suffering from extreme cold, but were dedicated and would not accept defeat."

The accident came the day after postman Robert Giles died trying to rescue his dog, which had also run on to a frozen lake and fallen through. Even so, children were again playing on the thin ice at Anton Lake in Andover yesterday. Police inspector Mandy Hills said: "The council have put up signs today, but children are still skating on the ice. You would think they would have learned that it was dangerous."

Mr Giles was one of at least nine people to die as a result of the cold weather. They include a publican whose body was found 24 hours after he went for a walk on Christmas Day, a 16-year-old boy who tried to walk three miles home in freezing temperatures and a homeless man found in an alleyway in Edinburgh. All three died of hypothermia. Other victims were killed in road crashes.

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Snow forecast to spread

More blizzards are forecast for the Shetland Islands today and sleet and snow showers are likely to spread south. South-West England is expected to be the first to be affected while the rest of the country has a cold but sunny start to the day.

By evening fairly heavy falls are expected to reach Southern England and South Wales. Most of Scotland should be fine but cold and other areas are predicted to remain dry and sunny, but freezing. The North East will have snow showers and Northern Ireland will be cold and dry..... Forecast, page 18



Divers bringing one of the two men to the surface at Hemsworth. Doctors then spent hours trying to revive them and the girl they had tried to save

Techniques that can revive frozen victims

BY DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD AND RICHARD DUCE

HUMAN resilience in intense cold has led to some miraculous escapes — and none more so than that of two-year-old Karlee Kosolofski, who was virtually frozen solid when she was accidentally shut out of her home in Canada wearing only a coat and nightdress.

She was outside in temperatures of -22C (-8F) for six hours before her parents found her. Her heart had stopped and her body temperature had fallen from her normal 36C to 14C (58F), but doctors managed to revive her by putting her on a heart bypass machine for five hours while slowly warming her body.

Similar techniques were used in Pontefract yesterday, where medical teams tried five different methods to revive the water park victims.

Mike Playforth, the consultant in charge of accidents and emergencies, said: "These include cardiac massage and filtering warm fluids into the stomach, bowels and bladder, to gently raise the body temperatures to 32C." The three were attached to ventilators and their hearts massaged for ten minutes at a time.



Karlee Kosolofski

Had the accident happened in normal water temperature there would have been no rapid cooling to protect the brain, but they were in suspended animation, from which people had been known to recover, he said.

While falling into ice-cold water frequently causes sudden death from shock, a person who has been submerged in icy water can occasionally be resuscitated, even though no pulse is evident. This is because the very low temperatures inhibit the body's metabolism and reduce its need for oxygen. Children are particularly likely to surprise their rescuers with their ability to survive.

On the other hand, people rescued from water while still conscious should not be considered out of danger.

Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardiac massage are essential first-aid measures, but nothing must be allowed to delay the patient's arrival in hospital. Warming is essential as the body is incapable of regaining its normal temperature after it has fallen too low.

Once in hospital, he can be attached to a ventilator and be wired up to allow immediate defibrillation should the heart rhythm become disturbed — a common complication with severe hypothermia. The chemical balance of the blood will need constant checking for a long while after the patient has started to recover.

Ulster fears IRA revival

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, said the IRA's continuing campaign of murder could be a prelude to full-scale war. Joe Hendron, MP for West Belfast, echoed his fears but said the latest killing did not amount to a breach of the ceasefire.

The IRA's drive against suspected drug dealers has claimed six lives in eight months: the latest victim, Martin McCrory, who was shot dead at home, was known to the police as a petty criminal..... Page 2

Test umpires are wired for stress

The umpires in the fourth Test in South Africa have been wired up for medical experts to measure their stress levels. The results will not be revealed, but they probably soared just before tea when Cyril Mitchley controversially gave Atherton out..... Page 36

MPs risk landing in hot water

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

UNACCEPTABLE levels of the bacteria that cause legionnaires' disease have been found at the House of Commons.

Although engineers have tried to cleanse the hot water system, tests this week have shown traces of the bacteria remaining near the quarters of the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd.

Further tests are being carried out, but the results might not be known until after January 9 — the day MPs, journalists and thousands of support staff who work in the Palace of Westminster return to work.

Legionnaires' disease is caught by inhaling droplets of infected water. It attacks the lining of the lungs, causing breathing difficulties and pneumonia.

Yesterday Commons staff were told not to use hot taps while engineers pumped boiling water through pipes for a second time to "pasteurise" the system.

All showers in the north end of the Palace, including the Speaker's Residence, have been closed until the hot water system gets the all-clear.

Dr Chris Pond, head of the Commons information office, said routine tests on the system last month showed bacteria levels of 4,400 units in some pipes. The recommended safe maximum is 100 units. The bacteria are believed to have been introduced when new pipes were installed in October.

☐ Large areas of the Palace of Westminster were left freezing when engineers failed to put the heating back on after electricity was switched off to save energy.

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World population up by 100 million

BY IAN BRODIE

WORLD population grew this year by 100 million people to 5.75 billion, the largest increase ever, according to figures released by a population research group yesterday.

Ninety per cent of the growth was in poor countries "torn by civil strife and social unrest where all too many people live in brutal poverty". Werner Fornos, director of the Population Institute in Washington, said.

The previous biggest increase, 95 million, occurred last year. Mr Fornos predicted that annual expansion would continue at 100 million for the next five years, but effective birth control policies could stabilise the global population at about eight billion by 2015. Without active promotion of family planning, there could be an increase to as many as 14 billion people by 2050, he said.

He noted that about three billion young people will be entering their peak reproductive years in the coming generation and whether they limited their families would "make the difference between our setting course for an environmental Armageddon in the 21st century or a better quality of life".

To illustrate the difference between wealthy and poor countries, Mr Fornos compared Britain and Bangladesh. At present growth rates, Bangladesh will double its population of 125 million in less than 30 years while Britain, with 58.6 million, will take 385 years. The report says that 80 countries — 43 in Africa — are likely to double their population within 30 years, although some others, headed by China, have succeeded in reducing their birth rates.

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Rent-a-ring scheme to ease heartache of splitting up

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

COUPLES in America are being offered engagement and wedding rings for hire, in case their relationships do not last. Rings are paid for on a weekly basis for a year, after which, if still wanted, they become the property of the wearers.

The ring rental scheme was started by Rent-A-Center, a Kansas-based hire purchase company. Its jewellery buyer, Bob Marshall, yesterday reported steady business over Christmas, traditionally a busy time for wedding proposals. "Things have been very, very favourable," he said.

The rate of return for engagement rings is currently 50 per cent, but Mr Marshall said that broken love affairs were not the sole reason for purchase deals being cancelled. Shortage of money or a desire to change to a different ring design were also common.

In cases of heartache, Rent-A-Center staff are trained to demonstrate sensitivity. "We have a good rapport with our customers," Mr Marshall said. Tearful scenes at the counter were not unknown, he said, but "we do not pry. We simply ask if they were happy with the quality, and try to be understanding. Customers know they can come back for any reason." Rent-A-Center has more than 1,000 shops across America.

Rent-A-Center engagement rings range from $12.99 to $24.99 a week. The quality of the diamonds varies from one-sixteenth of a carat to one-half, and rings now account for a fifth of Rent-A-Center's total business. When newlyweds complete their payments, the company sends a decorated message congratulating them on surviving the year.

When a ring is returned after the collapse of an engagement or a marriage, Rent-A-Center likes to send it back to the manufacturer rather than risk passing the bad luck on to another couple.

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Mawhinney puts Tories on alert for election

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRIAN MAWHINNEY put the Conservatives on "election alert" yesterday as he urged them to stop fighting each other and "start thinking votes". The comments of the party chairman came as speculation mounted over whether the Prime Minister would be forced to call an early election next year.

The Tory majority is expected to be cut from five to three in 1996, following two by-elections. Two more by-election losses would turn the Government into a minority administration. In his New Year message to constituency chairmen, Dr Mawhinney warned that it would be a critical year and the party should devote itself to winning round the public before the election.

He said: "There can be no time and no tolerance for internal argument or selfish grandstanding. Victory must be our only concern. So I am asking you to put your association on election alert now. Start thinking votes."

Dr Mawhinney's rallying call was echoed by Michael Heseltine, who said in an ITN interview: "We are always prepared to fight if we have to, but the strategy is not to go for a short-term solution." In a remark which was immediately seized on by the Labour Party, Mr Heseltine added: "The Conservative Party will increasingly become a fighting machine as opposed to a Government administering the country."

The Deputy Prime Minister denied suggestions that John Major wanted to call an early election and said the Tories would go into 1997 to ensure the people felt the benefits of the economic recovery.

Dr Mawhinney also said that he expected the Parliament to run its full course, but admitted the possiblity of a 1996 poll. "This Parliament has 16 or 17 months to run, so I work on the basis that we will go through that period of time. But we will be ready to go whenever the Prime Minister calls," he told ITN. Dr Mawhinney also dampened down speculation about a summer Budget, followed by an autumn election, although he did not rule one out.

In his letter to constituency chairman, Dr Mawhinney turned his attack on Labour and particularly Tony Blair. Under Labour, taxes, inflation and interest rates would rise, as in the past, he said. "As with Communists back in prominence in Russia, Britain could never feel safe with a former CND member in 10 Downing Street."

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, exploited Mr Heseltine's comments, claiming that he had betrayed the Tories' desperation. "Mr Heseltine has put his hands up and admitted that the Government is on its last legs," said Mr Prescott. "The Tories have given up governing the country in the interests of the people. From now on, they will throw everthing into electioneering."

Paddy Ashdown, Liberal Democrat leader, issued his own New Year message last night, accusing both parties of ducking the issues and warning Labour that it faced being a "one-Parliament flop." He attacked Labour for shying away from presenting hard facts to the electorate, turning their backs on a radical agenda and refusing to come up with clear, costed policies.

Denis MacShane, page 14

MPs condemn father's murder

IRA killings 'could herald a return to full-scale war'

BY EDWARD GORMAN AND JOHN HICKS

THE IRA's campaign of murder and intimidation of criminals could herald a return to full-scale war unless the dripping tap of violence is turned off, Ulster politicians said yesterday.

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, said that the IRA might use the latest series of killings in Belfast as a prelude to a gradual escalation of violence. He was speaking after the murder of a Roman Catholic father of two by the IRA in Belfast on Wednesday night.

Mr Trimble said that the security forces could not continue to turn a blind eye to IRA activities. "We know there has never been a genuine peace, just a cessation of certain types of terrorist activity. The extent of the cessation is now narrowing. It is a rather worrying indication that the terrorist organisation may be preparing the ground for a more extensive use of violence."

The latest victim of the IRA's campaign against suspected drug dealers — which has claimed six lives in eight months — was Martin McCrory, 30, who was known to police as a petty criminal. He was shot as he watched television at his home in the nationalist Turf Lodge estate in West Belfast. His three-year-old son, who was sitting with him on the sofa, suffered slight hand injuries from flying glass. Mr McCrory's girlfriend and another son, aged 8, were unhurt.

Mr Trimble's comments on the spate of killings were echoed by Joe Hendron, the SDLP MP for West Belfast. He said he did not believe the murder of Mr McCrory amounted to a breach of the ceasefire, but added: "If these killings keep on, they will put the whole peace process in jeopardy.

"The IRA has declared war on a section of the nationalist community. They have already beaten up and smashed the bones of 200 young people and murdered others. If Sinn Fein want to be treated as democrats then they must condemn the murders, call off the hounds and stop the killings at once."

Mary Muldoon, an SDLP councillor in West Belfast, said Sinn Fein was coming under increasing pressure from hardliners in the IRA. "The IRA realise they have nowhere to go. They are now flexing their muscles and reminding everyone they still exist. By giving their tacit support for the murders, Sinn Fein are trying to ride two horses at the same time."

Michael Mates, the former Northern Ireland Minister, said he believed the killing was the work of a splinter group of the IRA which wanted to sabotage the ceasefire. "There's been a branch of the IRA that didn't want the ceasefire, to whom killing and extortion and murder and terrorism has become a way of life, and who in spasmodic bursts are continuing their ways," he said on BBC Radio.

Direct Action Against Drugs, regarded as a cover name for the IRA, admitted killing Mr McCrory, as it has done for four previous killings. In a coded message to a radio station, a caller said anyone else involved in the drug trade would get the same treatment. He signed off: "We'll get them all."



Martin McCrory was killed by the IRA as he sat watching television with his two young sons

SIMON WALKER



At a news conference yesterday, Vikky Bannon urges the driver to come forward

Daughter makes tearful plea to her father's killer

BY A STAFF REPORTER

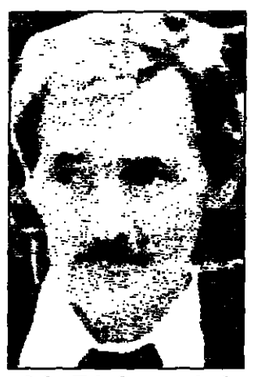
THE daughter of a man stabbed more than 20 times in a Christmas morning street murder made an emotional appeal yesterday to her father's killer: "Tell me why." Vikky Bannon said she could see no reason for her father John Trinder's killing.

She fought back tears as she told reporters: "They've taken my Christmas, my dad's life and mine and my family's with it."

Mr Trinder, 55, a distant cousin of Tommy Trinder, the comedian, died within yards of his house in south-east London after being attacked on the five-minute walk home from a Christmas Eve drink at his local pub. A smartly dressed white man in his late 20s was seen running off and getting into a waiting Ford Fiesta after the murder at 12.30am in Peckham.

Police believe the driver may not have been aware of what happened because the car was parked around the corner. Detective Superintendent Gordon King, leading the inquiry said: "I'd like that driver to come forward because he may not know that his passenger stabbed Mr Trinder over 20 times in a quite vicious, senseless and, as far as I can see at the moment, motiveless attack."

Mrs Bannon, 24, an office clerk from nearby New Cross, appealed to the driver, saying: "If he didn't know and now he does and he's frightened for some reason, just come and talk to somebody."



John Trinder: attacked just yards from home

Mr Trinder, a divorced, unemployed scaffolder, lived alone. "He lived for being our dad, mine and my brothers. That's what he had in life," said Mrs Bannon, whose husband Pat sat beside her at a police news conference in Peckham.

She said she could think of no incident that could have led to his murder. He had gone to the Rye Hotel that evening for "an amicable drink" and there had been no cross words. "I can't see any reason. He left the pub on good terms with everybody. He even borrowed some bread so he could go home and have some supper.

"He wasn't looking for trouble. You don't try to defend yourself with a loaf of bread."

Mr King said police did not believe the motive for the attack was robbery because Mr Trinder still had nearly £80 on him. It was not clear whether the driver of the car was a man or woman.

Flood of calls over Celine

BY A STAFF REPORTER

POLICE searching for the missing French student Celine Figard have received more than 1,200 calls for the public after an emotional appeal for help by her father.

M. Bernard Figard was back at home in France yesterday, after travelling to England to make his appeal, but refused to give up hope for his daughter who has not been seen since Tuesday last week.M Figard, a farmer, said: "If the driver of the lorry who offered her a lift would only come forward then it is possible she may be found. She is my daughter and I can never give up hope."

Celine, 19, was last seen by a French driver as she accepted a lift from the driver of a white Mercedes lorry at Chieveley service station near Newbury, Berkshire. She was on her way to the New Forest to spend Christmas with a relative after hitch-hiking over from France.

Detective Superintendent Des Thomas said: "We had a massive public response to the appeal for information. The information is all being processed. Some of it was very useful. We have lots of leads but, as yet, no breakthroughs.

Every port is in possession of a photograph of Celine and a photofit of the lorry driver. It is possible that the driver is foreign and was on his way to the continent. No-one actually heard him speak and at this stage nothing is being ruled out. We all have to be prepared for the worst."

Interpol yesterday wired a new likeness to Hampshire police of the Mercedes lorry driver seen to pick up Celine. It was compiled by French investigators, but differs from the British photofit only by not featuring any stubble.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bargain hunters go on spending spree

The post-Christmas surge in spending continued yesterday, with some shopping centres welcoming more visitors than they had seen on the first day of winter sales (Robin Young writes). Credit card companies were struggling to keep up with the pace of spending.

At the MetroCentre in Gateshead, Europe's largest shopping complex with 340 outlets, 32,000 shoppers had entered the malls by 11am yesterday, a figure well up on the first day of the sales, when a total of 132,000 people visited the centre during the day. "We are still extremely busy," said the centre's marketing manager, Ron Woodman. "We expect to have another 100,000 people through today."

A spokeswoman for Barclaycard said it was still too early to give any figures for the amount of business done on credit cards during the sales. "We have had such a busy Christmas period that we are still processing those," she said. Hugh Clark of the British Retail Consortium said: "We expect record sales this year."

Vehicle tests to continue

Roadside emission tests on all vehicles are to continue after "unacceptable levels of pollution" were discovered in checks, the Government said yesterday. Steven Norris, the Transport Minister, said that the offending vehicles included taxis, goods and public service vehicles. Checks took place on almost 48,500 vehicles throughout the country in the six-month period to the end of September. "The results show there is a clear need to maintain our efforts to drive home the message about safeguarding the environment from unnecessary pollution from vehicles," he said.

Illegal migrants jailed

Three young Gambian men were jailed for three months each yesterday by Horseferry Road magistrates' court in Westminster after admitting using false passports. One had arrived illegally at Holyhead in north Wales and then paid £50 for a British visitor's passport on which he stuck his own photograph. Two others were arrested at Victoria coach station with false passports after buying tickets to Amsterdam to escape the proposed crackdown on benefits for asylum seekers. The Home Secretary will consider deportation after the sentences have been served.

£5m road safety award

Gloucester has beaten 26 other towns and cities to win £5 million to implement road safety measures in a competition run by the Government. Burnley and Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, made the shortlist. The competing towns had to submit initiatives to help to reduce their annual road casualty levels from 500 to 300 in around five years. Di Phillips, chairman of Gloucestershire County Council's road safety liaison group, said the money would be spent on several projects. "There won't just be road bumps and white paint," she said.

A nose for weight loss

It may soon be possible to shed surplus pounds simply by breathing in, according to scientists at Liverpool University. Pharmaceutical companies are on the verge of a breakthrough which will given them the formula for a nasal spray to act directly on the brain and shut off feelings of hunger. According to Professor Gareth Williams of the university's department of medicine, a nasal spray for slimmers could be on the market by the millennium and will make multimillion-pound profits for the first drug company in the market.

Widow's poppy role

Sara Jones, the widow of Colonel "H" Jones, the Falklands hero, is to head the Royal British Legion's Poppy Factory. Mrs Jones, the vice-chairman of the Falklands Families Association and a central figure in the legion's annual poppy appeal for some years, joined the factory's board in 1984. She played a prominent role in welcoming Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey last month. The Poppy Factory makes about 34 million poppies and 100,000 poppy wreaths every year.

Clue to panto killer

The parents of the schoolgirl who was murdered on her way home from a Christmas pantomime have received a letter which police believe could be from the murderer's mother. Philip Julyan, 46, and his wife Maureen, 46, whose 16-year-old daughter Mhairi was killed as she walked home from the Sleeping Beauty pantomime in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, on December 16, received the letter on Wednesday morning. Detective Chief Inspector Bob Lauder said the letter appeared to be from a concerned mother who had vital information about the murder.

Drink detective sacked

A drug-squad detective who was three times over the drink-drive limit when he crashed his car on duty has been dismissed from the Northumbria police force. Detective Constable David Hale, 34, whose father George Hale was head of the North East Regional Crime Squad, caused fury when he was convicted of drink-driving four months ago because magistrates were not told he was a police officer drunk while on duty. He was fined £500 fine and banned from driving for 18 months. Nobody was hurt in the crash at Whickham, Gateshead.

More cats abandoned

Cats are more likely than dogs to be abandoned at Christmas, according to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. New trends in pet ownership mean more people live alone with cats and are quick to dump them if they lose interest or find the responsibilities too much, the charity said. Duncan Green, director-general of Battersea Dogs' Home, said: "Two years ago we took in 1,300 cats. Last year it was 1,502 and this year it will be even more." Thirty dogs were handed into the home between Christmas Eve and Boxing Day.

Lottery gives generously to mother tongue

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE National Lottery has made a generous contribution to the English language. The advent of the lottery has brought dictionary compilers a fund of new words and expressions for forthcoming editions.

Chambers might appear to have scooped the jackpot already by including a new definition of "scratchcard" in its *Combined Dictionary/Thesaurus*, but the editorial director, Robert Allen, said yesterday that he would be embarrassed to claim a big win over the other two principal dictionary publishers, Oxford and Collins.

"All new dictionaries have some interesting new words in them, Mr Allen said. "The effect of the National Lottery has been to give new meanings to otherwise familiar words."

Chambers' definition of scratchcard is: "A form of lottery card with a thin opaque film, which is scratched to reveal the allocated numbers printed beneath." Future Chambers publications may include a new meaning for "instant", after the launch of National Lottery Instants, as well as an explanation of "Oflot", and a wider meaning for "rollover". It is even possible that room may be found for "lottaholic", which Chambers' 12 part-time monitors have noted entering the language.

Mr Allen said yesterday: "Rollover has formerly been a term familiar to accountants through rollover relief from taxation. Now it has a more popular meaning among a much wider audience. Oflot is one of a whole family of ugly acronyms that have sprung up to describe regulatory authorities."

Martin Mellor, who runs Chambers' reading programme trawling for new words, said scratchcard had qualified for inclusion because of the frequency with which it appeared in newspapers and other forms of media. "We try to reflect the true nature of language without being too politically correct about it. These days, dictionaries follow the lead of the general public. It is not our job to lay down laws. We record what is being said."

The *Oxford English Dictionary* will carry "scratchcard" in volume three of its Additions Series, out next year. Oxford has also drafted an entry for Oflot for possible inclusion in the volume after that.

Jennifer Miell, an assistant editor, said editors were considering "rollover" and "instant" in readiness for their next full dictionary, due in 1996.

☐ Sales of National Lottery tickets have exceeded £5 billion since being launched 13 months ago, Camelot said yesterday. Weekly jackpot ticket sales have reached £3.7 billion while sales of the nine Instants scratchcard games have totalled £1.3 billion.

More than 292 million people have won a total of £2.3 billion on the lottery, and and £1.35 billion has been raised for the five good causes. The Treasury has taken £600 million in tax, and £250 million has been paid in commission to the 28,000 retailers who sell the tickets.

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Power cuts continue in Scotland amid forecasts of more snow

Shetlanders offered Army help as convoys struggle through drifts

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government has offered to send troops to the Shetland Islands, where a state of emergency has been declared, to assist islanders, some of whom are facing a sixth day without electricity. Temperatures in parts of mainland Scotland plummeted to -20C and the cold weather claimed at least nine lives.

The Shetland Isles council's chief executive, Malcolm Green, said the emergency services were still able to cope and for the moment the Army was not needed. The situation is under daily review.

Neville Davis, of the Shetland coastguard said there had been heavy snow throughout the day and more was forecast. The coastguard helicopter was ferrying sick and injured people to hospital from areas which have been cut off by the snow, some of it 30ft deep.

Shetland Islands council said there was no water supply in the areas of Strom, Whiteness and Kergord. People were advised to melt snow to flush toilets. Clean snow taken from uncontaminated areas should be boiled for drinking water. The council could not collect rubbish.

The heavy snowfalls yesterday, coupled with a sudden thaw in the afternoon, and a heavy frost in the evening made driving conditions treacherous for lorries and snow ploughs taking food and fuel to remote areas in Shetland.

Supplies of milk, bread and food were taken to communities in Bixter and Walls on the west coast. South Mainland and Northmavine parish, 30 miles north of Lerwick. A convoy destined for North Roe could not get through. In most cases, the volunteers abandoned their vehicles and continued the journey on foot. The west side of Shetland remains largely cut off by snow.

GRAEME STOREY



On Shetland, Herbert Nicolson drags fodder across the snow for his sheep yesterday. It is too deep for tractors

Further supplies were delivered to outlying areas by sea. The Aith lifeboat delivered bottled gas, medical supplies, food and fuel to remote communities on inlets along the west coast.

Angus and Mary McKechnie, a retired couple on Bressay, saw their first visitors in a week when local salmon farmers reached them by boat. The volunteers reported the couple to be "warm, cheery and out feeding their sheep on their croft".

Mr Davis said the emergency services had discussed telephoning all the old and vulnerable people to check they were safe but he said that people in the local communities were looking after each other and themselves. "In small communities, self-help is the best way and we certainly practise that on Shetland. In addition, GPs and district nurses are managing to get out to parts of the community."

Sumburgh airport in the south of Shetland was reopened and the first supplies from the mainland since Sunday arrived on the islands via ferry.

Lerwick's Gilbert Bain Hospital is beginning to run short of beds, as patients cannot be sent home. The coastguard helicopter airlifted four patients to Sumburgh airport for treatment at Aberdeen's Royal Infirmary yesterday.

Hydro Electric, the Scottish electricity company, said 50 people on the Western Isles and about 100 on Shetland were without electricity for a fifth day. Shetland has its own electricity supply but the Western Isles are connected to the mainland by undersea cables.

The 50 homes without electricity at Hushinish on Harris will not be reconnected until today at the earliest. A spokesman for Hydro Electric said: "We are airlifting paraffin heaters and gas canisters to all those who need them."

There were power cuts on mainland Scotland at Newtonmore and Dingwall but most homes were reconnected before evening.

Shetland's director of social work, Bill Bennet, has told people on income support not to worry about fuel bills but to keep warm and contact the Social Work Department for assistance.

Glasgow Airport recorded -18.9C yesterday morning — beating the record low of -18.7C set on Tuesday night.

Strathclyde region said it had used 30,000 tonnes of salt on the roads to keep traffic moving in the last week. At very low temperatures, more salt is required to melt ice.

A large number of homes in the region are without water because of frozen pipes, and people on the island of Colonsay have been told to boil their water as the filters in the treatment plant have frozen. Water containers are being sent to residents of Fionnphort, Argyll, where supply pipes have frozen.

In Bathgate, Lothian, a homeless man, John Murphy, 54, was believed to have frozen to death.

In Edinburgh, many people called police for help after pipes burst.

As the city prepared for Hogmanay, police warned people against alcohol-induced bravado and to wrap up well.

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Breakdown organisations tell drivers they could wait hours for help

Check before you drive to boost survival hopes

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING EDITOR

DRIVERS could be forced to wait hours for help from breakdown organisations swamped by emergency calls as the freezing weather sweeps the country over the weekend.

Motoring organisations reported near-record levels of callouts in the past three days from stranded drivers. The AA answered 30,000 in one 24-hour period with most in Scotland and the North. The RAC said last night its calls were up 40 per cent.

Breakdown organizations are giving priority to drivers stranded in life-threatening blizzards and freezing conditions. The AA suspended home callouts in Scotland and the RAC asked motorists to be patient while it answered the worst emergencies first.

The AA sent a task force of 50 patrols to Scotland on Tuesday as weather worsened. Now the organisations fear that they will struggle to cope when Britain goes back to work next week. Tens of thousands of cars, not used over Christmas, will be in demand next Tuesday when a deep freeze is forecast.

Drivers could help themselves with some simple checks. Do not breathe or blow on frozen locks, but warm the key. Switch on lights and then fire the engine. If lights dim, the battery should be recharged or changed, at a cost of between £40 and £60.

Turn over the engine now and ensure there is plenty of antifreeze in the radiator. Check tyre pressures, bulbs and buy de-icing mixtures for wipers. Inquire about the state of roads and cancel all unnecessary journeys.

Drive carefully, keep down speeds, start off in a higher gear to avoid wheelspin, use dipped headlamps and foglamps where necessary, and pump the brakes gently.

Beware of a push start if your car has a catalytic converter. It sends neat petrol into the engine and ruins the catalyst, which can cost between £600 and £3,000. A jump-lead spark can explode battery gases. Ensure that leads are attached to the correct terminals, equipment is not faulty and there is no smell of stray gases.

Cars offer the best protection in the worst conditions. Stay with them, when stranded, until you are picked up. Chances are significantly increased with a survival kit, including a hot drink, torch, tow-rope, rush matting or sacks to put under the wheels (specialist snow chains might be better), a shovel, jump leads, mobile telephone, first-aid kit, blankets, extra clothes, de-icer, snow scraper, spare fuel in an approved can and even a newspaper for warmth.

If you are trapped, dig snow from under the wheels and place mats under the driving wheels to get moving. Attach something bright, such as a scarf, to the radio aerial for emergency services to pick out. Before running the engine and heater, make sure it is not blocked by snow, which could fill the car with carbon monoxide. Be patient and stay awake. Exercise to keep alert and warm. If you shiver, your body temperature is falling and, even if the shivering slows or stops, you must get warm immediately to ward off hypothermia.

Sunny outlook in village colder than Moscow

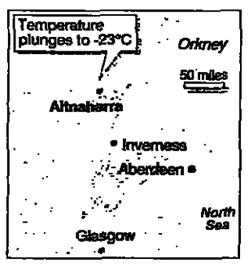
BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE tiny hamlet of Altnaharra in Sutherland became one of the coldest places in the world yesterday, with a temperature of -23.6C (-10.3F), the same as Helsinki and 2C colder than Moscow.

For weeks the big news among the population of 60 in one of Scotland's remotest communities has been of Broadlands Jerico, the new pedigree Limousin bull bought for 10,500 guineas by Jim Gray, the owner of the 36,000-acre Altnaharra estate, at the autumn sales in Perth. But yesterday surviving the sub-zero temperatures and mending the burst pipes was uppermost in the residents' minds. Throughout the day the temperature did not rise above -14C (7F).

The village, which comprises 20 houses and the Altnaharra Hotel, lies on Loch Naver, 23 miles north of Lairg in the extreme north of Scotland. It has some of the best salmon fishing in the Highlands.

The busiest man in the village yesterday was Bobby Mackay, a 44-year-old builder who spent the day mending leaks and burst pipes at a dozen houses and at the hotel, which is closed for the season. He said: "I'm not really a plumber at all, but I know the basics and I'm the only one about the village who can help, really. I'm enjoying the extra work, although today I've been completely run off my feet. But it's wrong to say I'm enjoying myself. You're talking about saving people's homes from damage."



Lesley Wilkie, 30, the postmistress, said the villagers were coping well, although she had a scare on Christmas Eve when she, her husband Alan and children Gillian and Keith drove to Lairg to buy batteries for the Christmas presents and were caught in a blizzard. At one point it looked as if they would not make it home.

There is about 15 inches of snow in the village, with drifts and white-outs making driving hazardous. Mrs Wilkie said: "It really is freezing here. The windows are completely frosted over and you cannot see a thing through them. The surface of the loch is totally white, with the snow lying on top of the ice.

"This is definitely the coldest weather I have ever experienced. It is bitter, but the sun is shining and thankfully there is hardly any wind, so it is bearable. Living in Altnaharra takes a bit of getting used to, but we are all very happy here."

Perhaps the resident most familiar with the freezing temperatures is Mr Gray, a self-made millionaire and joint founder of Gray and Adams, which makes trailers for freezer lorries. Mr Gray said yesterday: "Minus 23? There's nothing new about that for me. That is exactly the temperature at which the articulated wagons we make carry frozen food."











SCOTLAND

Weather: dry and bright but extremely cold. Overnight temperatures will fall to at least -20C (-4F). Cloud and freezing fog could build up along coasts. More heavy snow in Orkney and Shetland.
Forecast: similar but with slightly higher temperatures.
Driving conditions: hazardous. Even where snow has been cleared there is likely to be an underlying layer of ice. All roads are expected to be potentially dangerous, especially in remote parts where there has been no overnight gritting. Most main roads in Shetland are closed and motorists are advised to travel, in convoy, only to the airports, which reopened yesterday afternoon but which could be forced to close again if the snow persists. In Grampian the A939 between Corgarff and Ballater, the A941 from Dufftown to Rhynie, the B974 between Banchory and Fettercairn and the B976 from Crathie to Gairnshiel are closed.

THE NORTH

Weather: mostly cold and dry with temperatures plunging to -10C (14F) in the west but reaching -5C (23F) in the east.

There is a risk of freezing fog in some parts of the region.

Forecast: winds are likely to increase from the east throughout this afternoon, bringing severe wind chill to much of the region and driving lying snow into drifts.

Driving conditions: most major roads well salted and gritted with few problems.

Minor roads described as "like skidpans" in much of the region, with Cumbria being particularly icy.

Main roads generally quiet but the A62 at Oldham is partly closed and likely to remain so because of a water-main burst.

MIDLANDS

Weather: freezing fog, dense in places, with snow showers. Very cold. Temperatures generally ranging from -5C (23F) to -12C (10F).

Forecast: more of the same, but with the freezing fog at first thickening until blown away by increasing winds.

Driving conditions: problems with freezing fog. Visibility down to little more than 100 yards in much of the region and with black ice forming on roads and windscreens. Severe problems likely when using washers to clear road spray. The A1 at Norman Cross was blocked for a while by an accident in freezing fog and Corby town centre was badly affected by the freezing fog. Oxford town centre badly hit too, with all main routes clogged.

The A456 in Birmingham city centre has been reduced to one lane after a water main burst.

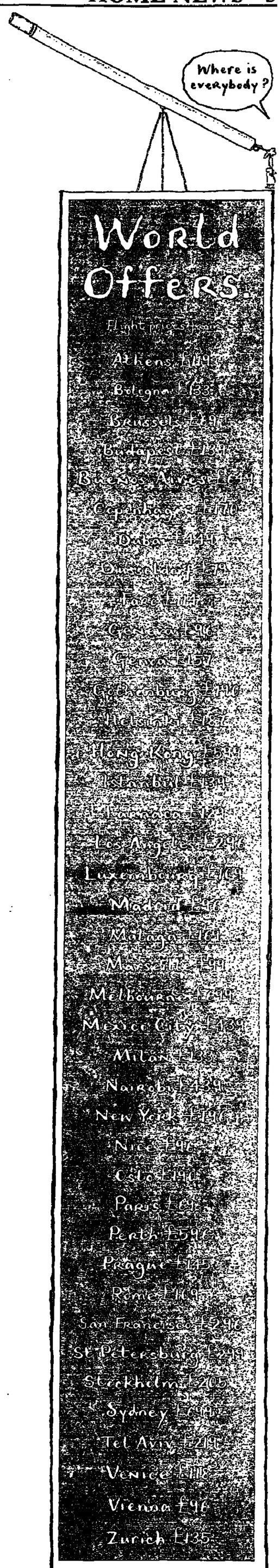
ULSTER, WALES, WEST

Weather: Ulster will be extremely cold, especially in the west, with temperatures as low as -15C (5F). Wind in the southwest will gradually increase, bringing warmer weather preceded by snow showers and rain. Wales will be sandwiched between the two, with North Wales suffering freezing fog and South Wales seeing the worst of the snow. Forecast: it is unclear where the line will be drawn between the damper, warmer air and the bitter cold from the north, but it is likely to run from Cardigan Bay to Sussex by mid-afternoon.

Driving conditions: heavy shopping traffic entering and leaving Bristol city centre. M32 badly congested and expected to remain so today. Main roads expected to be affected by snow or slush as warm front moves in. Roadworks on the M5 are likely to continue to cause delays in both directions at Glastonbury.

EAST AND SOUTH EAST

Weather: frosty and bright with temperatures not rising much above freezing during day or night.
Forecast: the cold air will be slow to move but the wind will gradually strengthen from the southwest bringing snow, sleet and rain by the afternoon. East Anglia will remain very cold with thick freezing fog.
Driving conditions: smaller roads and country routes "rather dangerous". Otherwise occasional patches of freezing fog but few causes for concern. M25 and M23 both had light traffic yesterday with no rush hour predicted today. A30 at Camberley was at a standstill for a while because of the sales. The A20 towards Kent from London had heavy traffic last night and the Brent Cross shopping centre area was particularly busy with shoppers, especially along the A41. Kingston upon Thames was also congested with shopping traffic and is likely to be so again today.



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Lost without trace: every year 250,000 people leave a legacy of heartache and hope

For those left behind, the searching never ends



Lee Boxell: Body Shop lorries carry photograph

By Russell Jenkins

MORE than 250,000 people are estimated to go missing each year and the number soars over Christmas and the new year. About one in five is young enough to be classed by police as vulnerable.

The young runaways are often confused, angry and frightened of what might await them should they return home. One teenager who summoned up the courage to go back was swayed by an advertisement in a magazine about homelessness. Beneath her photograph the message read: "Please, get me off the streets." The appeal, placed by the charity Missing Persons Helpline in *The Big Issue*, convinced her that somebody was concerned about her welfare.

The alternative for the runaway might have been a life of drugs and prostitution on the streets. Her salvation was also a cause for celebration among the 60 volunteers and 12 staff who run Britain's only national charity set up to find missing people.

This Christmas, the runaway was one of 14,000 people on the charity's computer database, which is housed in a spartan, donated office above a supermarket in East Sheen, southwest London. It receives 80,000 calls a year and, over the festive period, the telephones never stop ringing. The time of year when families are thrown together can create an explosive emotional mixture.

Mary Asprey, co-founder of the charity, said that young runaways might be escaping a bad situation at home. "They are probably right to get out. Perhaps they are being physically or sexually abused. They need to be found and got to a place of safety. A lot of adolescent girls aged around 14 and 15 years old do not get on with their parents. They go to friends' homes, squats or sleep rough in sleeping bags." Some fall prey to prostitution and others, among the most urgent on the charity's database, become caught up in paedophile rings. Recently the charity was involved in the case of a 13-year-old girl from Birmingham who had been missing for six weeks. She had visited a schoolfriend's house, where she had been imprisoned and forced into prostitution.

Most runaways want to be found and about 70 per cent of cases are resolved. Each day the helpline traces about ten people. That is little comfort for grieving relatives whose sons and daughters have been missing for years. They cling to a desperate hope that becomes increasingly forlorn.

Thousands of motorists would recognise the smiling face of Lee Boxell, whose portrait is emblazoned on the side of Body Shop lorries above the word "Missing". He disappeared from his home in Sutton, Surrey, seven years ago. Every Christmas his mother calls the helpline.

The charity liaises with police, social workers and care homes but its main task is to provide practical help and advice to relatives. Computers can gather intelligence, identify patterns emerging across the country and "age" photographs to bring faces up to date.

These images can be converted into posters. Four pictures of missing people are placed in every edition of *The Big Issue* and on ITV's Teletext. Anyone who has seen them is asked to contact the 24-hour confidential helpline on 0500 700 700. The images of lost boys and girls are screened on television in a *Missing File* slot donated by Carlton Television.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, turned down the charity's plea for Home Office funding. He suggested that they were candidates for National Lottery funds but the charity learnt this month that its application had been rejected. "We feel terribly disappointed for all our volunteers and all the families who rely so heavily on us," the other co-founder, Janet Newman, said.

The charity's case has been taken up in the House of Commons by Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat MP for Southwark and Bermondsey, and Austin Mitchell, the Labour MP for Great Grimsby.

APPEALS

MISSING can you help?

Charity appeals use posters, magazine pages and Teletext

'Since you've gone, this is a house without music'

By Russell Jenkins

THE festive season has been bleak for Ian and Karen Wilson. Their 16-year-old daughter Ruth vanished one month ago and they have no idea if she is alive or dead.

Bright and pretty, Ruth should be looking forward to a challenging year, balancing school work with a teenager's hectic social life. The sixth-former, who was studying for chemistry and biology A levels, left her comfortable home in Betchworth, near Dorking, Surrey, on Monday, November 27. She gave no hint of a deep personal crisis.

A taxi driver dropped her outside the Hand in Hand public house in Boxhill, a nearby beauty spot. When she failed to return, police launched a search across 1,000 acres of rough parkland with tracker dogs, helicopters and heat-seeking scanners. Sixthformers from her school joined the hunt. No trace was found, but clues emerged about her state of mind.

On the day she disappeared, Ruth had popped into a florist's. After two days, a bouquet was delivered to her mother. There was no card attached.

Two days later, police found three notes hidden under a bush in the Boxhill undergrowth. The notes amounted to farewells to her parents, her best friend and a teenage boy she knew. Nearby were empty packets of paracetamol tablets and a bottle of vermouth.

The Wilsons turned to the charity, Missing Person's Helpline, which is highlighting her case. Ruth's face can be seen on a thousand posters under the words: "Missing, can you help?"

Mr Wilson made a direct appeal: "I just want to say to her now, we love you dearly. We miss you terribly. We miss your music. We used to grumble about the sound of your electric guitar twanging away. Without it now, the house is just dead.

"Since you left, the piano hasn't been touched. It is now a house without music. Whatever the issue that drove you away or you found difficult to cope with, we will do everything in our power to sort it out." Ruth's parents are both teachers. Mr Wilson is the head of a school science department, and Mrs Wilson is a deputy head. They fear she may have been worrying unduly about her school work.



Ruth Wilson: left notes and sent flowers

In a household where homework is a priority, they realise now that Ruth, who has a tendency to "undervalue" herself, may have pushed herself too hard.

There have been two unconfirmed sightings. Mr Wilson said: "Possibly she planned to commit suicide and then decided not to. It could have been a cry for attention. From there she moved on because she felt, in her state of confusion, that she could not come back. My message is it doesn't matter what has happened in the past. We want to go forwards."

Her sister Jenny, 13, is devastated. They shared a bedroom and she now has difficulty sleeping. For Mr Wilson, the worst moment came when he stepped outside the house one night. It was snowing and he could hear the bells ringing from their local church, St Michael's. Ruth used to ring the church bells. She had been to handbell practice the Sunday before she left.

The parents attended a service where she was due to carry the Crucifix. As the procession moved down the aisle, the tears streamed down their faces. Members of the congregation, people who had known Ruth's generosity of spirit, spontaneously came over to embrace the grieving parents.

ADRIAN BROOKS



Ian and Karen Wilson. Their daughter, studying for two A levels, gave no hint that she was in torment. She simply took a taxi ride and disappeared

Schoolboy may have turned to begging

By Bill Frost

ANDREW SMITH, the sixth-former who disappeared over a fortnight ago, has been sighted begging near the area where his bicycle and schoolbooks were found.

Yesterday police who have been searching for him asked the 18-year-old to contact his anxious parents. They expressed concern that the teenager, who was studying for four A levels and an AS level at Poole Grammar School, Dorset, might be attempting to live rough despite the freezing weather.

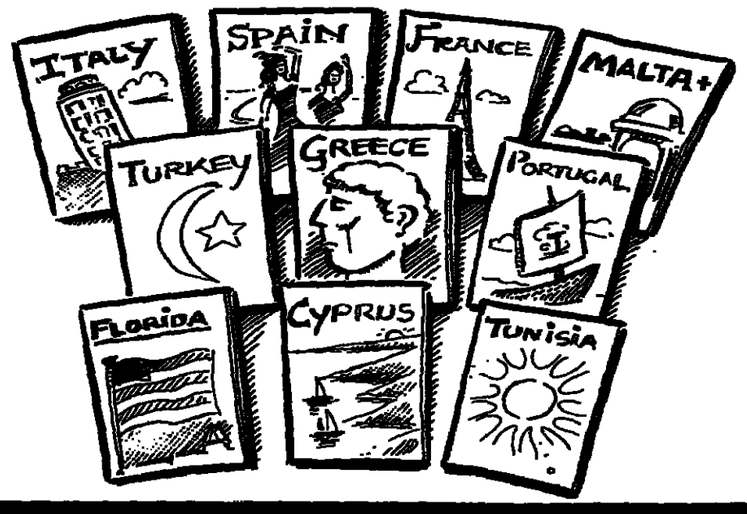
Andrew's father Ken said he was convinced his son was still in the Swanage area were his bicycle and backpack were discovered near the Old Harry Rocks. "There have been several sightings which answer his description. We remain very hopeful and appeal to Andrew to get in touch so we can talk this through," he said.

Mr Smith thought that taunts by classmates, together with examination pressures, might have proved too much for his son to bear. However, Alex Clarke, the boy's headmaster, had no evidence of bullying at the school.

Having scaled down the land-and-sea search for the teenager, police yesterday appealed to hoteliers for information. Inspector Ann Freeman said: "We are working on the theory that Andrew is alive and well. At 18, he does not have to tell us where he is. All we need is a telephone call from him telling us that he is safe."

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Father pleads for news of teenager

By Bill Frost

THE father of a teenage girl missing since Christmas Day appealed for news of her yesterday. Louise Taylor, 18, disappeared after a Christmas Eve celebration with friends at a disco.

Her father, Robert, said at a police press conference yesterday: "Louise, we all love you. Please get in touch by any means. We want you back."

Miss Taylor vanished after the disco at Spirals nightclub in Yate, near Bristol. Police are investigating the possibility that she was seen a short time later in the passenger seat of a blue Ford Fiesta driven by a female friend.

Mr Smith, 49, of Chipping Sodbury, made a brief appearance at Avon and Somerset police headquarters in Portishead. "Louise has never left home before, which makes it all the more worrying. There was no reason why she should leave," he said. About 40 police officers were searching the area near the nightclub yesterday, backed by a helicopter and door-to-door inquiries.

Louise had visited a nearby pub, The Swan, shortly before going to the disco. She spent most of the evening dancing and chatting with her friends. Her brother Richard, 20, was also at the party, although not with her group. He said she seemed to be enjoying herself and looked "fine".

Detective Inspector Chris Farrell, who is leading the search, said that Louise left when the disco ended about 2am. She went with her friends to a hamburger bar. For some reason she declined to go with them for a taxi. A male friend later thought he saw her in the front passenger seat of a blue Ford Fiesta driven by a friend called Emma.

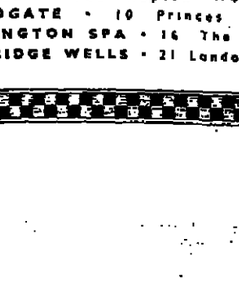
Police were trying to trace the friend and the car last night. Mr Farrell said they were also following up a report that Louise had returned to the club later for some unknown reason.





Robert Smith appealing yesterday for his 18-year-old daughter Louise to "get in touch by any means"

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Guest list a secret at discreet Caribbean hotel devoted to 'the bliss of a special few'

Island hideaway where Princess most certainly isn't

By Harvey Elliott
Travel Correspondent

IT is the discreet sort of exclusive resort that does not boast of its guests by name. So there was no doubt about the official line from the K Club on the tiny Caribbean island of Barbuda yesterday: The Princess of Wales was not there. Absolutely not.

However, there were even denials about the presence of guests who were definitely known to be there.

So who were the current £4,000-a-week guests in the 28 cottages? The only official clue lay in the words of "Krizia", the Italian fashion designer who set up the Club, saying it was "to give total bliss to just a few, a special few".

As the search continued to discover the location the Princess had chosen in preference to Sandringham and the British winter, the bliss of the special few seemed likely to be disrupted by some of the world's most determined photographers and Royal "watchers".

The Princess flew first class with British West Indian Airways on Wednesday, and landed in neighbouring Antigua. It is thought she would then have taken a light aircraft for the 26-mile hop to Barbuda. The K Club offers privacy and luxury. It also bans children under 13, so 11-year-old Prince Harry could not have accompanied his mother even if he was not spending Christmas with the rest of the royal family.

The K Club is on a three-mile stretch of white sand and is painted in white and turquoise, "to reflect and transmit the palette of vivid colour all around". The hotel's brochure demands that dress should always be "elegantly casual".

One of the most popular and expensive dishes served in the restaurant is the famed spiny lobster — said to be the best in the entire Caribbean — which lives on the miles of dense, wreck-strewn coral reefs which surround the island and provide scuba divers and snorklers with the finest sport in the region.

The island is part of the government of Antigua and Barbuda, and suffered much less damage than its larger neighbour when Hurricane Luis hit this summer, largely because the island is flat and has few palm trees. There are fewer than a thousand inhabitants. Nearly all live in the village of Codrington and nearly all share six surnames. They can race their lineage back to 1685, when a small group of slaves was brought to the island to tend the fields. Because sugar cane was not introduced by the early settlers, the island has remained largely unspoiled and has abundant wildlife, with a large colony of frigate birds, mockingbirds, oystercatchers and ibis as well as wild boar and white-tailed deer.

There are few hotels or boarding houses on the island, and the K Club is reckoned to be the most exclusive, elegant and sought-after of them all. It is intended to be a place where the very rich can find comfort, and above all, peace and quiet.

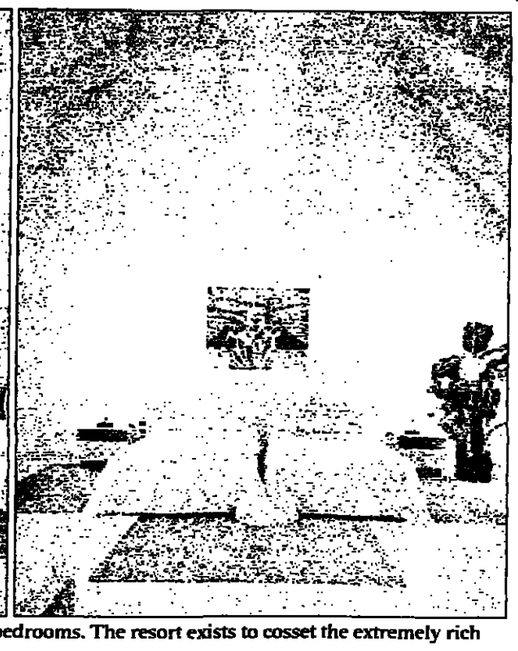
The beaches of pink sand are almost deserted and guests often spend days wandering the shoreline without seeing another person or even another footprint. Staff at the holiday complex claimed last night that the Princess was not a guest. They also insisted that other guests known to be at the hotel were staying elsewhere, perhaps at Coco Point, another hideaway club-hotel on the tiny island, or at a private villa.

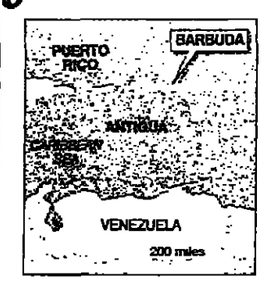
There is no doubt about the kind of guest the resort wants. One brochure says: "Expensive, exclusive and elegant, body and soul unwind here as nature casts its spell.

"No pressures, no worries, no cares: just solace in that rarest of pleasures — peace. The simple joy of sinking into deep, deep armchairs and sofas, easy conversation with like-minded escapees and a lazy breakfast on the huge terrace of your spacious, peaceful beach-front cottage."

The Prince of Wales and the couple's sons are due to leave for Klosters in the Alps on New Year's Day for a skiing holiday.







Inside one of the cottages on Barbuda: a lounge looks out on the Caribbean, left, and one of the £4,000-a-week bedrooms. The resort exists to cosset the extremely rich

Jack and Jessica top list of favourite names

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

JACK and Jessica are the most popular names for babies born this year, according to a government survey published yesterday. Both names have risen in popularity from third place last year to emerge as favourites. Last year's top names, Thomas and Rebecca, fell to third place this year, just behind Lauren and Daniel.

The study shows how tradition vies with the influence of television, pop music and film. It also charts the decline of traditional favourites such as Margaret, Anna, Louise and Susan.

Shannon, the name of a character in the ITV soap opera *Home and Away*, has shown the greatest increase in popularity in the top 50 girls' names, rising 22 places to 11th. Stephanie has registered the largest fall, of 11 places to 36th, according to the survey published by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

New entrants on the list are Ellie, which has risen has risen 28 places; Abbie, up 18; and Kayleigh, up three places. None of these names was even in the top 100 in 1984.

Jade, the name of Mick Jagger's daughter, has fallen three places, Sarah by five, Holly seven and Melissa seven. Jennifer, having fallen eight places, is only just hanging on to a spot in the top 50.

But where have all the Margarets gone? In 1944, the name topped the list and a decade later was still in at number four.

Since then it has been in decline and today it is no longer in the top 50, having fallen to fourth place in 1954, dropped to 39th in 1964 and fallen out of the top 100 in 1974.

TOP NAMES

	Girls		Boys	
1	Jessica	+2	Jack	+2
2	Lauren		Daniel	+2
3	Rebecca	-2	Thomas	-2
4	Sophie	+2	James	-2
5	Charlotte	-1	Joshua	+2
6	Hannah	-1	Matthew	-1
7	Amy		Ryan	-1
8	Emily		Luke	
9	Chloe	+2	Samuel	
10	Emma		Jordan	
11	Shannon	+22	Joseph	+5
12	Laura	-3	Liam	+5
13	Bethany	+2	Alexander	
14	Megan	+3	Benjamin	+1
15	Katie	-1	Michael	-3
16	Lucy	-3	Adam	-5
17	Sarah	-5	Connor	+11
18	Alice		William	+1
19	Jade	-3	Jake	-1
20	Danielle	+1	Christopher	-8
21	Abigail	+2	George	
22	Olivia	+2	Harry	+8
23	Rachael	-4	Callum	+8
24	Eleanor	+8	Lewis	-2
25	Samantha	-5	Oliver	-2
26	Elizabeth		Kieran	+10
27	Georgia	+2	Andrew	-7
28	Victoria	-1	Robert	-3
29	Holly	-7	Nathan	-2
30	Zoe		David	-6
31	Natasha	-3	Jamie	-5
32	Paige	+2	Aaron	
33	Nicole	+4	Bradley	+1
34	Georgina	+1	Ashley	-1
35	Chelsea	+3	Jacob	
36	Stephanie	-11	Johnathan	-7
37	Alexandra	+3	Mohammed	+4
38	Natalie	-7	Kyle	+5
39	Jodie	+7	John	
40	Ellie	+28*	Sam	-2
41	Grace	+6	Ben	-1
42	Gemma	+6	Scott	-5
43	Kirsty	-4	Charles	+1
44	Abbie	+18*	Sean	+2
45	Amber	+5	Edward	+2
46	Katherine	-1	Cameron	+19
47	Molly	+2	Nicholas	-5
48	Melissa	-7	Reece	+6*
49	Kayleigh	+3*	Charlie	+10*
50	Jennifer	-8	Dominic	+2*

+/- indicates movement since 1994
* New entry.

Anna, Louise and Hayley have fallen out of the top 50 in the past 12 months, along with Alex, Richard, Stephen and Mark.

In the boys' list, Celtic names found popularity with parents. Cameron registered the biggest increase, rising 19 places to enter the top 50 for the first time at 46, while Connor rose 11 places to 17th and Kieran ten to 26th. Reece, another newcomer to the list, was up six places and Charlie up ten. Cameron, Reece and Charlie did not appear in the top 100 in 1984.

Two names falling in popularity were Andrew and Jonathan, which both fell seven places, to 27th and 36th respectively.

The rise of four places by Mohammed reflected the size of Britain's population of Asian origin, though no other Asian names make the top 50.

There are regional differences, Liam making the top ten in Yorkshire and Humberside, and Jordan in the East Midlands. Shannon has risen by 25 places to enter the top ten in the West Midlands for the first time, by 15 places in the East Midlands and by 17 in Greater London. Bethany has risen to sixth place in the North. In the South West, Megan has entered the top ten after rising ten places.

While the nation puts Jack and Jessica at the top of its list, a survey of the first names spotted most frequently over the past year in the birth announcements in *The Times* shows that Charlotte and Thomas are in the top slots. They are followed by James and Alexander and Sophie and Emily.

Drusilla Beyfus, the etiquette expert and author of *Modern Manners*, said "The names seem to show that we are very conventional in choosing a first name. Most of the girls' names look as if they might be heroines in a 19th century novel. Parents might be playing safe with their children's first name and maybe with the second name they are rather more imaginative.

"Where are the more exotic names, the Tarquins and Rolands?"

The study is based on the first names of 578,000 babies born in 1995 and put on the NHS central register up to December 8.

How acne put a young army officer on the spot



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

WHEN Del Boy Trotter in *Only Fools and Horses* described his brother Rodney as a plonker, he translated an East End term to the City trading floors and even into polite society. The future of Nicholas Lyndhurst, who played Rodney, was assured. But Lyndhurst's acting career was nearly grounded before it could take off. In adolescence he suffered such severe acne that the stage seemed an impossible dream.

Severe adolescent acne can destroy self-confidence, undermine job opportunities and limit social activities. Last week one of my patients told me how, when he was in the Army, he was not allowed to join the regiment into which he had been commissioned until the dermatologists had cleared his spots. His colonel was adamant that too many pustules and blackheads were not compatible with the exercise of authority.

Acne is a disorder of the sebaceous glands of the skin. There are two problems: too much sebum, the oil which lubricates the skin, is produced and the outlet of the gland producing it becomes blocked. When the sebum accumulates in the skin glands, it becomes highly irritant. The skin around the gland becomes inflamed and later secondarily infected with the formation of pustules.

The formation of blackheads is due to a slightly different process, in which the sebum is extruded so slowly that it has time to oxidise, causing the dark colour.

Acne is not confined to the face but is also common on the back and chest. Many people suffer from it until middle age. In severe cases long-term antibiotic treatment is usually the first line of attack. The tetracyclines reduce the production of sebum and limit the amount of keritin blocking the glands' ducts and clear secondary infection. The best results are often achieved by varying the antibiotics. In milder cases local antibiotic preparations are useful.

Severe cases respond to Roaccutane (isotretinoin), but this can be prescribed only under specialist supervision. Women whose acne has an obvious hormonal basis often improve if prescribed Dinette, a combination of an oestrogen and an anti-androgenic drug.

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Blair faces policy battle within party

Labour plans to extend length of student loans

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour Party intends to reform the student loan system so that repayments would be made over a much longer period. A consultation paper to be published in the spring is expected to recommend an Australian-style scheme in which varying repayments are made over about 20 years and are linked to National Insurance contributions.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, feels the present system has become discredited, with many graduates unable to repay their loans within the five-year limit. The Government's recent decision to shelve its plan to privatise the Student Loans Company has thrown the whole programme into doubt.

However, the Shadow Cabinet appears to be divided about the best scheme to replace it. A paper was expected last spring, but was delayed until the autumn and is now unlikely until well into the new year.

Mr Blair and some of his colleagues are wary about the electoral consequences of announcing a revamped loan scheme. He also has to persuade his own party to agree to such a policy, which would end Labour's traditional commitment to free higher education. "A political decision has to be made," a senior source said. "Tony is worried about whether you can sell it to the electorate."



Rooker: sacked in 1993 for backing student charges

Two years ago Jeff Rooker, a former shadow higher education spokesman, was sacked from the front bench after drawing up a paper supporting student charges. The document, which was said to be opposed by Gordon Brown, was thrown out by John Smith after deep divisions in the party.

Nevertheless, Mr Blair is aware of the need to raise extra funds to improve higher and further education services. He has privately ruled out a return to the system of student grants, in which graduates paid nothing towards their higher education.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, is said to favour the Australian loan scheme. Mr Blair, who is on holiday with his family in Australia, is expected to study how well it is working during his stay.

Under the scheme, students start repaying their loans once their salary reaches a certain level. The repayments can vary and can continue for as long as necessary, with smaller payments gradually increasing as earnings rise.

Under the British system, students have to start contributing when their salaries reach 85 per cent of the average wage, a point which Mr Blunkett considers too low. The British system involves mortgage-type repayments of 60 equal instalments over five years once the earnings level is reached.

There are some elements of the Australian system which are unlikely to feature in the Labour scheme. Since 1989 Australian students have had to pay about 20 per cent of tuition fees, which Labour would find hard to support. At present British students pay back maintenance fees only. Bryan Davies, Labour's higher education spokesman, is drawing up a paper on student finance, with a number of options. They are expected to include a variation of the Australian system and a graduate tax, where all graduates would be taxed throughout their working lives, irrespective of the amount they borrowed.

"A decision still has to be made about whether you have a fixed repayment to give back what you have borrowed or an indefinite payment for the benefit you gain," said one senior source.

Over the next few months Labour's education team will also be publishing a series of papers on training and education. In February, Stephen Byers, the Shadow Education Minister, will produce a consultation document on workplace training, which will set out Labour's alternative to the training levy which it favoured at the last election. The paper will also say how employers, employees and the State can contribute to training.

The party will also spell out how it intends to fund the one day a week of training or education which it has pledged for all under-25s who are unemployed.



Ann Fidler: police believe she may have opened the door to her attacker, who left her for dead after beating her about the head and slashing her neck

Husband finds wife battered senseless

BY RICHARD DUCE

DETECTIVES were last night trying to trace friends and acquaintances of a woman whose husband returned home to find her battered about the head. Ann Fidler, 43, was in a coma last night at Southampton General Hospital after a nine-hour operation.

Police are still trying to establish a motive for the attack. There was no sign of a forced entry at the end-of-terrace house Mrs Fidler shared with her husband Brett, the owner of a gymnasium in Eastleigh, near Southampton. Neither was there any trace of the weapons with which she was hit repeatedly about the head and slashed across the neck.

Mr Fidler returned home from work at the Power Factory gym, where Mrs Fidler also worked part-time, at 6pm on Wednesday. He found his wife in a downstairs room. Mr Fidler was staying with relatives yesterday.

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Stickler, of Eastleigh police station, said he was treating the attack as attempted murder. "We want to speak to anyone who knows Mrs Fidler and her lifestyle," he said. "It appears that she and her husband did not mix a great deal in the local community, so it is likely our inquiries are going take us to the gym."

Stores toast the new year with cut-price drinks

WEEKEND SHOPPING

SUPERMARKETS are trying to lure new-year party revellers with special offers. Asda has branded whisky and gin at £9.99 each and Bulgarian Oriachovitza cabernet sauvignon, a good red party wine, at £8.98 for two 1.5 litre bottles.

Marks & Spencer has £1 off selected champagnes and 50p off Gold Label chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon, while Somerfield, Safeway and Tesco have reduced their Cava Spanish sparkling wine by £1 to £3.99. Sainsbury's is offering Blanc de Noirs champagne at £9.95 and Bulgarian merlot at £5 for two bottles. Waitrose is giving a £3 saving for customers who purchase two bottles of its non-vintage champagne.

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Waitrose: Aberdeen Angus roasting beef £2.99 a lb, green celery 45p a pack, sausagemeat £1.39 for 450g, dairy vanilla ice-cream £2.19 for 2 ltr, shortcrust mince pies 69p for six.

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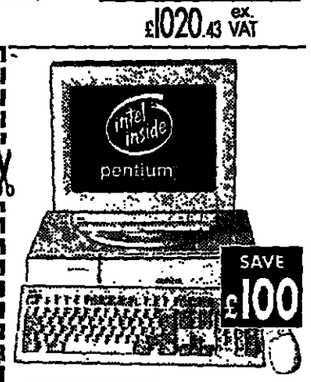
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British vets rally to help elephant with tusk-ache

A BRITISH medical team is on standby to fly to the Ukraine for a mission of mercy. Their patient is a five-ton elephant with a raging tusk-ache.

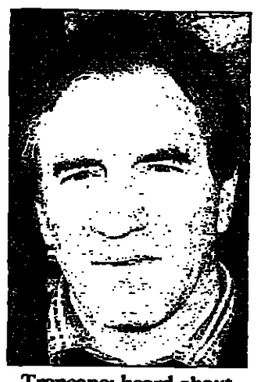
Boy, a 22-year-old bull, is in acute pain in his solitary pen at Kiev Zoo, which does not have the resources to treat it. Dominic Tropeano, director of Colchester Zoo, heard about the problem at an international conference on endangered species, and raised £9,500 to send help.

"I could not turn my back on this," he said yesterday. "The Kiev zoo cannot pay for such an operation and they do not have the skills anyway. It is up to us to help. Zoos around the world are a caring community and we are determined to do all we can." The British team is led by Peter Kertesz, a Harley Street animal dentist, and John Lewis, a member of the International Zoo Veterinary Group, which specialises in exotic species. They are now waiting for a decision on where to carry out the operation, which will involve removing the tusk or putting in a filling.

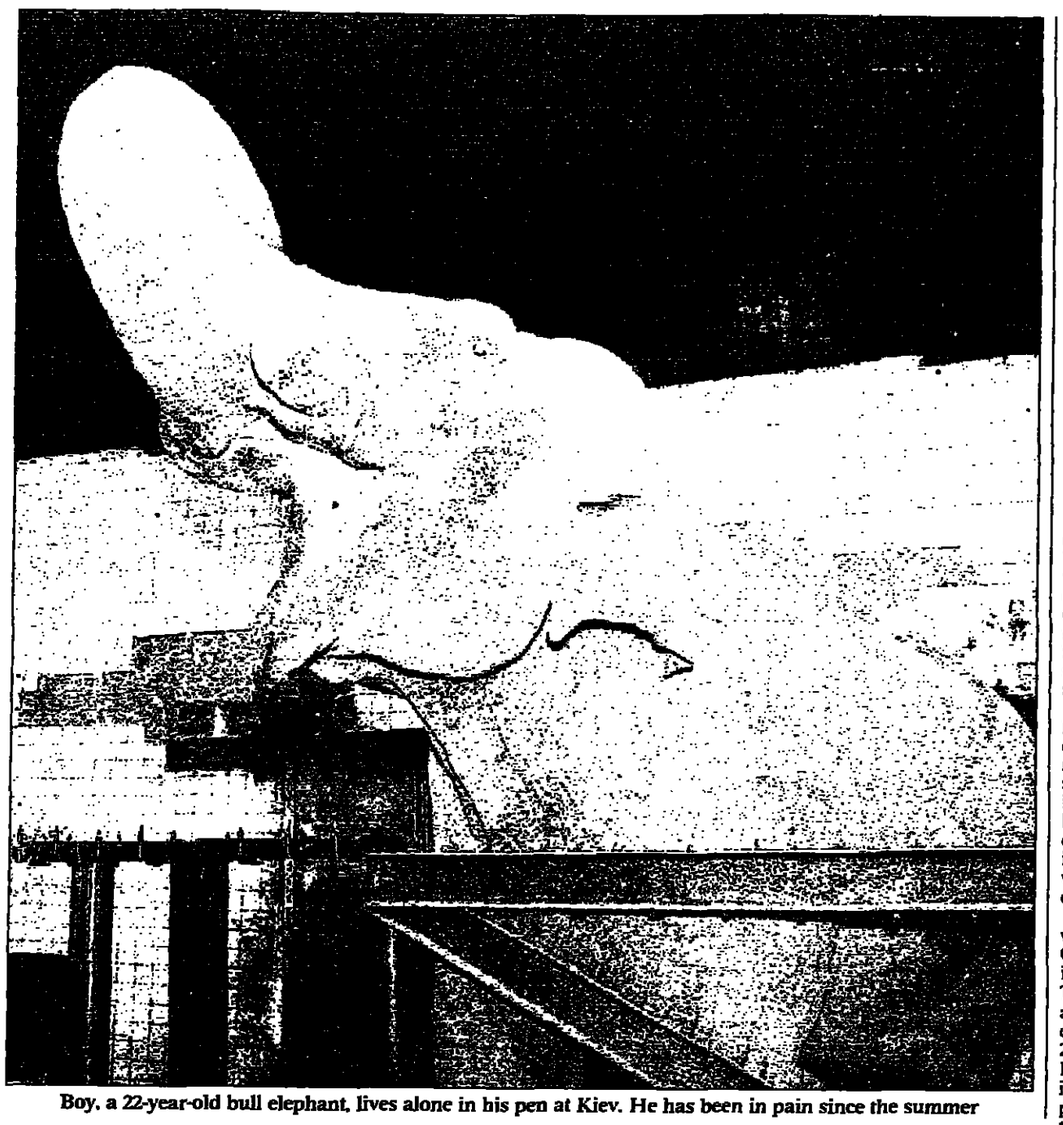
"We heard there was no indoor enclosure suitable for the operation," said Mr Tropeano. "It could not be done outdoors because the temperature is about minus 20. If we cannot get the necessary information, we shall have to go out to see for ourselves.

"It is vital to have the right enclosure to ensure the safety of the doctors and the animal when it is darted with anaesthetic. This is a very large bull which has been in agony for months and is probably very bad-tempered."

Mr Kertesz and his two assistants will need at least two hours to carry out the delicate operation, and may need a second session to treat the other tusk, which is broken. The dentist, who has performed surgery on bears, tigers and gorillas, said: "The drill we use is 3½ inches in diameter and needs a large motor. The elephant should be up and about within ten minutes. They don't have the same post-anaesthetic problems that humans can."



Tropeano: heard about animal at conference



Boy, a 22-year-old bull elephant, lives alone in his pen at Kiev. He has been in pain since the summer

Thousands fail to get school of their choice

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

RECORD numbers of children are being denied a place at their first-choice state school, Whitehall figures disclose today. The number of appeals by parents attempting to get their children into the school of their choice has more than doubled in five years, while the proportion overturning local education authority decisions has dropped over the same period.

Stephen Byers, the Shadow Education Minister, who received the figures in a parliamentary answer, said they showed that ministers' promises of greater parental choice had raised expectations that could not be fulfilled. "There is a growing army of parents who feel angry at being deceived," he said.

Pressure on popular schools was rising even before the Government began publishing examination league tables. The number of appeals against authorities' allocation of school places rose from 20,981 in 1989-90 to 45,876 in 1993-94. Throughout the period, more than 70 per cent of parents have taken their cases to a further appeal.

However, although the growth in appeals has led to more decisions being overturned, parents' success rate has dropped. In 1989-90, more than 43 per cent of appeals found in the parents' favour; five years later the proportion had dropped to 41 per cent.

Mr Byers, the MP for Wallsend, said: "In just over five years, more than 173,000 parents have been forced into making appeals. The Government has deliberately set out to raise the expectations of parents. We can now see the way the hopes of thousands have been dashed."

Head teachers and local authorities have reported an increasing number of fraudulent applications by parents trying to circumvent the rules for admission to popular schools. The use of false addresses, applications from relatives' homes and claims to be moving into a sought-after catchment area have led some authorities to demand proof of residence.

☐ Stress-related illness is forcing growing numbers of young teachers to seek financial help from professional benevolent funds, a teaching union claims. The Association of Teachers and Lecturers has seen a 30 per cent rise in applications to its benevolent fund in the past two years. Young claimants now outnumber the elderly members, for whom the scheme was established.

Officials blame the increasing stress of teaching for a rise in long-term sick leave and early retirements. Changes in invalidity benefit mean that fewer are eligible for state support. Five years ago, fewer than a third of beneficiaries were under the retirement age. Now the proportion is approaching two thirds.

The growing number of teachers facing mortgage arrears has been one of the principal reasons for the increase. Many have negative equity.

The fund paid out £70,814 in grants and £10,040 in loans last year. Among the beneficiaries were a 32-year-old whose husband left her after the birth of their baby, and a 36-year-old man who gave up teaching because of ill-health and is living on state benefits.

Other teaching unions have reported similar trends. The largest fund, established by the organisation which spawned the National Union of Teachers, is making 16 per cent more hardship grants than in 1993.

Osprey may return after 150 years



The osprey: lost in 1842

OSPREYS, which have not lived in England since 1842, are to return to Leicestershire. Trophy-hunters and egg-collectors wiped out the bird, but now ten chicks are to be taken from the one nesting site in Britain and reintroduced to Rutland Water.

Ospreys have been breeding at Loch Garten in the Highlands since 1959, when a conservation project began. There are more than 100 pairs north of the border. The birds have been seen in recent summers on Rutland Water, stopping off on their way back from winter migration to Africa.

The project, by Dr Stephen Bolt, a conservation scientist for Anglian Water, requires approval from conservation agencies. It hinges on the fact that ospreys have three chicks but raise only two. "The third is nature's insurance policy against one chick dying and it is these birds that we hope to take to Rutland Water next June," Dr Bolt said.

"We are hoping the birds will stay on the lake for around ten weeks before flying to Africa. We hope they will then return to Rutland Water, and if they do there is the possibility that they may spread gradually across neighbouring parts of England."

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Mladic named in accusations that French were subjected to mock executions

UN peacekeepers 'suffered torture by Bosnian Serbs'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS AND STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

FRENCH UN peacekeepers taken hostage by Bosnian Serbs in May were tortured and subjected to horrifying mock executions by their captors, according to a French newspaper report.

The new evidence of brutality was revealed days after Paris denied covering up the torture of two French pilots released earlier this month on the eve of the Bosnia peace-signing ceremony.

Several hundred UN peacekeepers were taken hostage in May, including 11 French soldiers captured in Sarajevo on May 27. The men were taken to barracks at Lukavika, south of the city, where they were abused, beaten and terrorised by men under the command of General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military leader, *Le Figaro* reported yesterday.

The newspaper speculated that the mistreatment had been kept secret because the Bosnian Serbs responsible are currently in direct negotiations with the French forces deployed in Sarajevo to help to implement the Bosnian peace plan.

Those Serbs guilty of brutalising the French UN peacekeepers have been identified and "are not uncontrolled elements", Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Roussel, operational commander of the fourth French battalion, was quoted as saying.

One French peacekeeper of West Indian origin, wrongly assumed to be a Muslim, was beaten with particular savagery by his Serb captors in a bid to extract a "confession", the paper reported.

The leader of the captured group, Lieutenant Bonraisin, was reportedly forced to dress in a Serb uniform and made to kneel on the front line facing the Bosnian forces, who realised what was happening and did not open fire.

The Serbs also staged a mock "execution" of Lt Bonraisin in front of the other prisoners.

The jailers then allegedly produced the corpse of a Serb soldier killed in the fighting along with the man's widow, who berated Lt Bonraisin after being told that the French officer was responsible for her husband's death. The Serb captors finally pushed Lt Bonraisin's face into the entrails of the dead man.

The captured peackeepers were released several weeks later.

Earlier this week, the Foreign Ministry admitted that two French pilots, Captain Frédéric Chiffot and Lt José Souvignet, had been beaten and subjected to intense psychological pressure after being shot down on a bombing mission over the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale and captured on August 30. That admission contradicted earlier official statements that the airmen had been well treated, but the French Government hotly rejected accusations that the two had been told to conceal the full extent of their ordeal as part of an arrangement with General Mladic, who faces trial for war crimes.

The weekly *Le Canard Enchaîné* reported that the pilots had been beaten repeatedly, were ill-fed and subjected to mock executions in which they were choked and kicked in the legs. Both broke legs after ejecting from their Mirage 2000 jet.

After they were released on December 12, the airmen were ordered by a French general to "say that everything happened according to the Geneva Convention", *Le Canard* reported.

Their liberation cleared the last remaining hurdle to the signing of the Bosnia-Herzegovina Peace Accord.

The two airmen said General Mladic, later photographed shaking hands with them as they were liberated, personally threatened them with torture and execution.

Bosnjaci: A Croatian soldier let loose automatic gunfire outside an American military camp overnight but US officials put it down to festive high spirits. "We talked to him and he promised he woudn't do it again," said Captain Kevin McAllistair. Nato spokesmen have warned rival Serb, Croat and Muslim forces against firing celebratory shots. *(Reuter)*



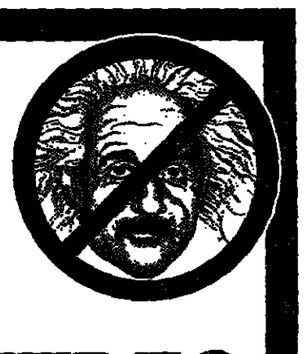
American military tents near the Croatian village of Zupanja left standing in three feet of water after the Sava River flooded the encampment

Meanwhile in Croatia, flood water gushed into a US military camp yesterday morning, forcing US army engineers to move out, after heavy rain caused the banks of the Sava River to overflow.

There were no casualties, but engineering equipment, vehicles and tents were stranded in three feet of water. The 250 troops at the Zupanja camp are attempting to build a pontoon bridge across the Sava to allow thousands of US troops to be deployed in Bosnia.

On Wednesday French helicopters had to rescue 62 Foreign Legionnaires from rooftops after a Neretva River dam burst, causing a flash flood that swept through their tent camp south of Mostar.

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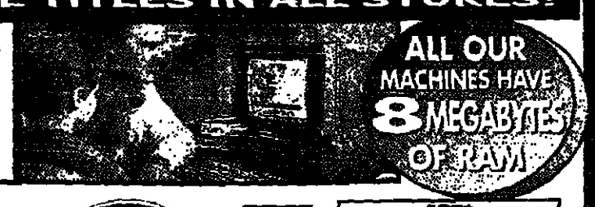
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Upper-crust notes on how to behave with a baguette

BY BEN MACINTYRE

WHEN the going gets tough, the French still do not slurp their soup.

That is the message from France's top society hostesses who have brought out a range of books and videos on how to sustain the art of good manners in spite of a wave of strikes, corruption scandals and economic woes that have left the French feeling anything but polite.

The workers and students may be marching in the streets, but in the salons of Paris the emphasis is on decorum. Politics, the manuals agree, is not a fit subject for dinner-party conversation.

Never use your baguette to wipe up the sauce, however delicious, do not gnaw the bones, and ensure that your cutlery is arranged with the family crest facing upwards at all times, insists La Baronne Nadine de Rothschild, whose hour-long video, *The Art of Entertaining* (Fr140 or £18), has proved a surprise bestseller this Christmas.

From her Château d'Ermenonville, the baroness takes us through the social minefield of modern French manners, including such knotty problems as how to arrange the "placement" when you have invited two homosexual couples and an archbishop, and the complex language of flowers.

A male guest, for example, should never present his hostess with red roses, since this amounts to a declaration of love, but a rose in the bouquet will get the same message across without prompting a duel with her husband.

A single kiss on either cheek is quite sufficient for any greeting, maintains Florence Le Bras, author of *Le Bible de Savoir-vivre (The Bible of Living Correctly*, Fr125). "One does not kiss three or four times, even in the name of regional customs," Mme Le Bras proclaims.

Provincial accents should be left at the door, proclaims Dominique Picard in *Les Rituels du Savoir-vivre (Rituals for Living Correctly*, Fr130), while the salutation *Bon appétit!* is now considered hopelessly rustic and should be avoided.

France's renewed taste for strict etiquette is a response to the decline of traditional religious values and a reaction against the more relaxed cultural attitudes of the 1970s and 1980s, according to French social commentators. Periods of turmoil in French history have traditionally been marked by a corresponding rise in formality and ritual, and the new *politesse* may reflect a wider malaise.

In addition to the political and labour upheavals of recent months, hardly a day passes without a survey suggesting that France is in decline. This week the magazine, *L'Evénement du Jeudi*, disclosed that 36 countries, including Uruguay and Bermuda, read more newspapers than France, which ranks only number five in the amount of books published every year.

Alain Madelin, the former Finance Minister, has specifically compared the present atmosphere of disillusionment to the French Revolution, describing the disruption as a form of rebellion against the political elite.

The knives are out, while France's aristocratic social arbiters are insisting that everyone uses the correct ones.

Foster pulls out of Prado competition

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID



Foster: said he did not like the parameters

THE architectural competition to renovate and extend the venerable Prado art museum in Madrid, which closed last Tuesday, has attracted more than 500 entrants from 53 countries, the Spanish College of Architects said yesterday.

One conspicuous absentee from the prestigious project, similar to that for the expansion of the Louvre, is Britain's Sir Norman Foster. He was one of 1,200 original applicants who withdrew from the contest, which has a construction budget of £130 million, saying he did not like the parameters and that he would submit his own suggestion outside the competition.

"I don't know what was his motive," Professor Antonio Fernández Alva, the secretary of the 16-member jury of experts that will examine three miles of plans submitted by 540 architects, said. "The great international stars always want to do something different. If he does present an alternative idea, he cannot be considered because, by the rules of all international competitions of this type, he is out of it." Sir Norman's most famous construction in Spain is the Torre de Collserola tower in Barcelona.

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Clinton will try to stem rising tide of illegal immigrants

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

SMUGGLING of foreigners into the United States has grown into a huge trade in "human cargo" that has become a national security issue, according to a report presented to President Clinton yesterday.

The report, compiled by a task force from government departments, urged Mr Clinton to take a more aggressive global approach to combat the growing practice. A White House official said the President intended to do so, if Congress would give him the money.

The report blames official corruption and lax law enforcement in countries from China to Europe and Latin America for creating a flow of hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens worldwide. Europe was identified as a main gateway to America for illegal migration, in part because of its reduction of border controls and the collapse of a strong central authority in the former communist countries. Up to half a million illegal aliens entered Western Europe each year with a similar number waiting in countries of Central Europe and the former Soviet Union, the report said. Many eventually attempt to enter America.

Moscow was identified as a key transit hub with an estimated 200,000 illegals waiting in temporary shelters at any one time. All the countries of Central America were used to funnel people north to the United States, the report said. Taiwan was criticised for failing to halt the use of its ships for smuggling.

Smuggling was also highly organised in China and enormously profitable. Every year, gangs succeed in smuggling up to 50,000 people from China into the United States for fees of up to $35,000 (£22,600) each. The Caribbean is another significant conduit, with growing numbers from Albania, the former Yugoslav republics and other Central European states pouring in, the report said. The Dominican Republican was described as a problem country in the region with police arresting smugglers only to see them set free by allegedly corrupt judges.

Jonathan Winer, a deputy secretary of state, said that transnational gangs build networks, often with the help of corrupt officials, so that they can move people around the world illegally. "It is absolutely critical that governments build their own networks of law enforcement," said Mr Winer, who described the issue as one of national security, not just immigration.

The United States has deported a record 51,600 illegals this year, but Mr Clinton is still pressing for more money from the Republican-controlled Congress.



Wang Jianye, a senior Chinese planning official in Guangdong province, is escorted by police before his execution yesterday after a court in Shenzhen rejected his appeal against conviction in the city's biggest corruption case. He was

China executes bribed official

found guilty of taking bribes, corruption, bigamy and illegally crossing the border. A Hong Kong television station broadcast a report showing Wang and two others being sentenced before his execution by firing squad. Guo Manpeng and Liang Jianyun, both bank bookkeepers, were found guilty of embezzlement. Officials said Wang's case involved up to $2 million (£1.28 million), making it one of the most serious in China. Wang, 42, the former chief of the planning bureau of the Shenzhen special economic zone, was convicted in April. *(Reuter)*

Fifth test rekindles Pacific protests

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA said yesterday that the latest nuclear test in the South Pacific would undermine attempts to rid the world of atomic weapons.

As nations in the region swiftly condemned France for detonating a fifth device in French Polynesia on Wednesday, Gareth Evans, the Australian Foreign Minister, said: "Every test that takes place not only creates new risks for the environment, but makes more difficult the achievement of the nuclear weapons free world."

Jim Bolger, the New Zealand Prime Minister, said: "France has become very wearisome in its total refusal to listen to world opinion."

In Seoul, South Koreans hurled eggs at the French Embassy and sprayed red paint on a sign to the building. Demonstrators fought riot police.

Dominque Girard, the French Ambassador in Canberra, said he told Mr Evans ridding the world of nuclear weapons would not be easy.

Old rival may battle Yeltsin

Paris: Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet President, said in an interview with *Figaro Magazine* published today that he does not exclude running in the presidential polls in Russia next year as a candidate for the Centre Left.

He said: "I am not ruling it out. Because I think we must get rid of the current regime [of President Yeltsin]". *(Reuter)*

Pilot saved

Athens: A Turkish pilot was picked up by a Greek rescue helicopter after he had ejected from his Phantom fighter aircraft near Greece's eastern island of Lesbos. *(Reuter)*

Paper chase

Munich: A security van driver grabbed 2.5 million marks (£1.12 million) from his vehicle two days before Christmas and replaced the cash with scrap paper, police said. *(Reuter)*

Biggest yet

Taipei: Taiwan opened the world's biggest museum on a 4.8-acre Taichung site. Dedicated to *The Guinness Book of World Records*, it features more than 100 displays. *(AP)*

Soft landing

Allentown: A skydiver who could not open his parachute plunged 3,000ft into a snowy field in Pennsylvania and survived. His back-up parachute opened just before he landed. *(AP)*

Dried out

Kuwait City: Alcohol-free beer has been banned from sale in Kuwait by Muslim authorities who said it could easily be turned into liquor, newspapers reported. *(AP)*

US judges succumb to 'bench stress'

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THE American Bar Association has identified a condition known as "bench stress", which leads some judges to behave in a manner that is far from judicious. It suggests that certain judges are near breaking point, worn down by the awful cases they oversee and unable to endure many more hours of legal argument from discursive lawyers.

Various courthouse events are cited as evidence. In Philadelphia, a judge hurled a glass of water at a lawyer inclined to overstate his case. One witness in a Louisiana court was told firmly by the judge that she was on his "turf" and that inside the court he was "God". A judge in Washington state advised a "smart alec" defendant to "shut up before you go to jail".

The *American Bar Journal* said that such incidents, which were indicative of stress, may harm the public's confidence in the judicial system. Formal complaints against federal judges have increased by 40 per cent in the past three years for which figures are available. The situation in state courts appears to be just as bad.

In New York, complaints were up by 24 per cent, while in Texas and Florida there were 47 per cent and 16 per cent more grievances respectively. "Injudicious temperament" is commonly given as the reason for complaints.

The great length of many court cases contributes to the stress felt by judges. The journal also noted that formal procedures such as the "all rise" order can unbalance a judge's self-awareness. Jeffrey Shaman, a Chicago law professor, said: "You wear robes and sit up on a high bench. People stand up when you come in. Emotions are high. Attorneys can be obnoxious. It can really get on your nerves and it takes a special kind of person to handle it."

Marlboro Man lets train take the strain

BY IAN BRODIE

THE Marlboro Man has abandoned the saddle and taken to the train.

After more than 30 years of showing their macho symbol bouncing around the Wild West, often with a Marlboro cigarette in hand or mouth, the Philip Morris company is giving him a taste of the sybaritic life.

Starting next summer, the firm will roll out a luxury train, the Marlboro Unlimited, designed and built exclusively for Marlboro smokers. Company officials say it will be a third of a mile of sleek red steel that will thunder across Marlboro Country, also known as Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada.

On board will be the world's first railway spa car with five hot tubs plus massage rooms. Then there is the dance club, the saloon and a casino car. Domed observation cars will offer sweeping vistas of the American West. Each couple will have a lavish private suite, including bathroom. The dining car menu promises to match those on the finest cruise ships.

The train will cost an estimated $20 million (£13 million), or about one million dollars a coach. Horse riding, white-water rafting and fishing will be on offer so that, according to company officials, customers can enjoy a taste of the Marlboro Man's life of adventure.

Smoking is not only permitted but required. Those invited for the five-day trips will be 2,000 winners of Philip Morris sweepstakes and their adult guests. The contest is open only to American residents who are 21 or older and who smoke.

The anti-smoking lobby is enraged. Scott Ballin, who is the chairman of the Coalition on Smoking or Health, said: "It's irresponsible and very distressing."

Joy and anger greet billionaire's proposal for development in area of ecological beauty

Tycoon plans to create vast theme park in Africa

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN MAPUTO



The western boundary of the Maputo Elephant Reserve. It is hoped that animals will once again migrate from here to South African game parks

FROM Australian diamond *hunters to South African sau*sage salesmen, war-battered Mozambique is fast emerging as a haven for prospectors of many stripes.

Leading the growing pack is a controversial American billionaire with extraordinary plans to establish a massive multimillion-dollar game theme park in one of the world's most diverse ecological areas.

If James Blanchard III gets *his way, a vast swath of land* in southern Mozambique could soon be transformed into one of Africa's largest game reserves, linked north-south by a steam railway and complete with five-star beach resorts, a floating casino and imported bushmen from Botswana.

The New Orleans tycoon,



who made his fortune through *investment banking, coin* dealing and minerals, is clearly not daunted by the fact that he has no previous experience in wildlife work. His project could be worth in excess of £522 million to one of the poorest countries in the entire world.

The prospect of a wildlife Disneyland has been greeted with a mixture of bewilderment, anger and joy in the region. Many government officials are excited by the prospect of a huge cash injection into Mozambique's shattered economy just as they are going all out to woo foreign investors. The fact that Mr Blanchard was one of the main financial backers of the right-wing Renamo rebels during a 17-year civil that left more than 100,000 dead and millions displaced appears to *have been quietly overlooked* by his former Frelimo enemies and President Chissano. The two men have met and are said to be on good terms.

Prior to independence from Portugal in 1975, Mozambique was the leading tourist destination for South Africans, who toured the coastline in expensive yachts and feasted on prawns at the palatial Polana Hotel in Maputo.

Since 1992, with the end of the civil war, South Africans have trickled back to coastal beauty spots and can again be seen lounging by the swimming pool at the revamped Polana.

Yet for the most part, visitors are the camping variety, who bring everything with them and spend little, and there are hopes that top class, privately-funded resorts could turn the tide away from "banana tourism".

Only too aware of the money-spinning potential that tourism offers, the Government had already identified the area as a potential site for a transfrontier conservation areas that will link the Maputo Reserve to game reserves over *the border in South Africa,* thereby re-establishing migration routes.

But the envisaged theme park, stretching between Maputo, the capital, and the border with South Africa, encompasses an area between undulating coastal plain and the Lebombo mountains, which rise steeply in the west. Environmentalists have designated the area one of the 200 most biologically diverse in the world.

The site — roughly half the *size of Wales and which* includes 500,000 acres of coral-enriched crystal blue seas and white sandy beaches, verdant plant life interspersed with fresh water lakes and tropical forests — is in pristine condition after being left untouched by the war.

Against this backround South African Pulp and Paper Industry (Sappi), a giant timber company, has become embroiled in a dispute over its plans to plant 30,000 hectares (74,257 acres) of eucalyptus trees in wetlands along Mozambique's southern coastline. The trees soak up copious quantities of water and have the potential to dry up lakes and destroy other plant life.

Mr Blanchard has said that his project can go head only if *Sappi drops its plans.* "People will come from around the world to see elephants; they won't go across the street to look at a eucalyptus tree," he said.

To complicate matters, *Sappi has a ten-year agree*ment with the Mozambican Government to lease the land. In the late 1980s Frelimo was keen to attract *big business into the country to prop up its* devastated economy and provide a buffer to South African-backed Renamo insurgents.

In country where human life was rarely respected for nearly two decades the fate of wild animals and rare plants was never a priority. The forestry-versus-tourism episode has forced the Government to confront green issues *for the first time and appears* to have left more questions than answers. Under pressure from international conservation groups, it agreed to Environmental Impact Assessment on the Sappi project which has provided valuable propaganda ammunition to Blanchard Enterprises.

The reports recommended *that Sappi scale down its* project by a third and further discussions between the concerned parties are scheduled *for next month. Environmen*talists at the World Bank say Mr Blanchard has a strong case. They have been impressed by his concerns not to cause a detrimental impact on the area. But others have dismissed his plans as fanciful and are quick to point out that Nellie the Elephant is a far cry from Minnie Mouse. Today only 150 elephants remain in the Maputo game reserve and their numbers are being rapidly depleted thanks to illegal poaching by South African hunters. Without any system in place to protect wild animals, *importing game* — lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo — would be risky. Worse still, malaria is endemic in the area.

"What the Government will *decide is too close to call,"* said Dr John Ledger of the Johannesburg-based Endangered Wildlife Trust. He has been working in the region for the past two years.

"Blanchard is an unknown quantity. I don't think he has really thought it all through and he must give more guarantees to protect the environment if he wants to make progress."



Blanchard: no previous experience in wildlife work

Abacha picks allies as mediators

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

NIGERIA'S military Government yesterday swore in a reconciliation committee to smooth the transition to democracy promised by General Sani Abacha. Nigerian newspapers reacted coolly, saying the committee comprised friends of *General Abacha who were incapable of* reaching out to opponents.

The move came as South Africa announced that it would continue its policy of dialogue with Nigeria's military rulers while keeping up international pressure on the Government. Alfred Nzo, the Foreign Minister, said in a new year message that the two-track policy was *being pursued in consultation with the* big powers, African regional organisations, and the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group.

Mr Nzo was one of eight Commonwealth Foreign Ministers who decided in London before Christmas to send a mission to Nigeria to warn General Abacha that he risked tougher sanctions if he did not heed the Commonwealth's warnings about the abuse of human rights in Nigeria.

President Mandela of South Africa last month called on President Clinton to impose an oil embargo on Nigeria. On Wednesday, a coalition of 88 activist groups sent a letter to Mr Clinton and the US Congress calling for economic sanctions, including an oil embargo.

On swearing in the reconciliation committee, General Abacha emphasised that there would be no acceleration of his three-year timetable for a restoration of democracy. He called on the committee to end the rancour that has divided Nigeria, saying there could be no more appropriate time than now for Nigerians to put behind them the "unfortunate incident" — referring to the annulment of the June 1993 elections.

"Let us resolve to put past acrimonies behind us and march forward together with hope towards nationhood," he said.

General Abacha said nothing about the future of Chief Moshood Abiola, the presumed winner of the elections, who is now in prison for proclaiming himself President last year. The reconciliation committee has been instructed to reach out to groups of disaffected Nigerians, especially those in the southwest, where the Yoruba, Chief Abiola's ethnic group, are angry at the military Government which prevented his becoming President.

Meanwhile, a memorial fund in memory of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Ogoniland activist hanged with eight others two months ago, has been established in San Francisco to protect environmental advocates around the world. The fund, a special project of Human Rights Watch, was set up with a contribution of $200,000 (£128,000) by the Goldman Foundation. *Richard Goldman, its president, said the* world must not forget "this courageous individual who gave his life in a valiant struggle for a healthy environment".



THE beleaguered three-year-old Government of President Rabbani, above, is ready to send top officials around Afghanistan to broker a peace with the warring factions, *including the Taleban militia* besieging Kabul, government sources said. *(AFP)*

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Appeal court dispatches top dissident to Chinese jail

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

WEI JINGSHENG, 45, father of China's tiny, splintered democracy movement, yesterday began a 14-year jail sentence for what Peking said was a conspiracy to subvert the Government, after an appeal court upheld a lower court's *sentence.*

"The court upheld the original verdict," Chen Xiong, a court spokesman, said of the appeal by the Nobel peace prize nominee. "After this verdict, according to the law, he will be handed over to prison authorities to serve his *sentence."*

The rejection of Wei's appeal came as little surprise, as family members had said they held out little hope that the appeal court would provide an open and fair hearing or reverse the verdict delivered on December 13 by the Peking No 1 Intermediate People's Court.

China will thus enter 1996 *with its most prominent hu*man rights activist back where he has spent most of his life since he appealed in 1979 for the "fifth modernisation" — democracy — to run beside Deng Xiaoping's four other modernisations designed to permit China to join the ranks *of developed nations. Even as* the 91-year-old senior leader lies in his sick bed in Peking, Mr Deng's ambitions have to a significant extent been achieved, but not Wei's. If anything, diplomats say, China is less free than ever; the faintest challenge to the ruling Communist Party is smashed with utmost deliberation.

Foreign governments, *which have protested in vain* against Wei's conviction, seem at a loss to understand why the Communist regime, entrenched in power for 46 years, seemingly trembles before a youthful-looking former electrician. "A charismatic figure like Wei, able to organise, *with worldwide respect and* utterly fearless, is bound to be a threat to a party leadership," one envoy here said.

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Grandmother challenges 'hero' Arafat for power

FROM ROSS DUNN IN EL BIREH, WEST BANK

A 72-year-old grandmother has entered the ring as the sole challenger for the post of President in the first Palestinian elections against Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman.

At first glance Mrs *Sameeha Khalil, the founder* and president of the largest charity organisation on the West Bank, might seem an unlikely contender. But a hard life appears to have prepared her to take on the most difficult challenges, even a contest in which she looks certain to be knocked out in the first round. Asked why she wanted to enter politics at her age, she replied simply: "To help my people."

*Her aims include negotiat*ing with the Israelis, freedom for all Palestinian leaders, ridding the West Bank of all Jewish settlements and Jerusalem as the capital of an independent Palestinian state. Since these are the same goals of Mr Arafat, it is difficult to know what else Mrs Khalil could offer.

But she is adamant that she can do a better job and Mr Arafat's efforts so far have *brought Palestinians no real* freedom despite the recent withdrawal of Israeli troops from six major Arab cities on the West Bank and an agreement for the first Palestinian self-rule elections to be held on January 20. "They say Palestinians are independent when the Israelis continue to confiscate our land. Every day they are swallowing the land," she said, referring to recent seizures of land on the West Bank by the Jewish state.

Although the Israeli troops were moving out of cities on the West Bank, Palestinians were still not free to travel outside the territory to Jerusalem and other destinations.

Freedom for Palestinians still only extended to the nearest Israeli military checkpoint. "That's why I want to be *elected to get everybody [all* Palestinians] to work together, and maybe we can convince Israel to give us our independent state," she said.

*Mrs Khalil certainly dis*plays all the energy of a much younger person in wanting to achieve these *aims* and speaks passionately of the need for a better future for Palestinians.

She has already come a long way to reach her present position. Married at 19 to a teacher, a man chosen for her by her parents, she and her husband became refugees when she was 25 following the creation of the State of Israel in 1948.

She *raised* five children, four boys and a girl. A fierce determination to be independent prompted her to seek an education at the age of 41 and she completed her high school examinations alongside one of her sons.

Her society of In'ash El'usra, had its origins in a garage and a loan of less than £100 in 1965. The organisation *has since grown to include an* executive committee of 12 members, a general assembly of 91 members and 113 employees.

The charity now has a budget of about £200,000 a month and is involved in a range of humanitarian projects, including running an orphanage for 136 girls, many of whom lost their parents in the intifada, the Palestinian uprising against Israeli military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Some of her loyal staff believe Mrs Khalil could also run an efficient government free from corruption. "Even if she drinks a cup of coffee, she pays for it," Mrs Amina Esawi, one of her senior staff, said.

In the unlikely event that Mrs Khalil becomes President, she points out that the real power would still reside with Mr Arafat. "He would still be the chairman of the PLO, and I want to work with him and be his right hand. He is a hero," she said.

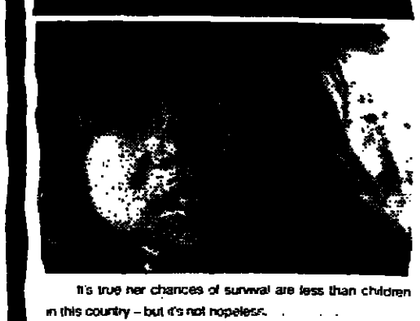
But a note of realism entered her remarks when asked whether her society was ready to choose a woman over a man. "I hope to win, but in case I don't, it will be enough for me that I raise my voice high as a Palestinian woman ... I believe that women, like men, are fully entitled to lead the Palestinian people, and the women will be able to do it just as well."

Peace talks 'positive'

Jerusalem: Israel reported a "positive atmosphere" at its first talks with Syria in six months. Despite a news blackout on the talks in America, Israeli ministers were quick to describe the atmosphere as "truly good", "positive" and "business-like". *(Reuter)*

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — FRIDAY DECEMBER 29 1995

Barings shoots to top of table for City deals

BY ROBERT MILLER

BARINGS, the merchant bank that crashed under losses of £860 million in February, ended 1995 by topping the City league table for work on takeovers and mergers. It was fourth in 1994.

The bank, which the Bank of England refused to bail out and was bought for a nominal £1 by ING, the Dutch financial group, worked on 26 deals worth £19.48 billion during 1995, according to a league table compiled by *Acquisitions Monthly*. Eight of the Barings deals, collectively worth £16.8 billion, were public takeovers.

Baring Brothers advised Wellcome, working with Morgan Stanley, early in the year in the high-profile £9.1 billion takeover by Glaxo — the year's largest transaction. It also worked on the second biggest City deal advising Lloyds Bank on its £5.9 billion takeover of TSB group.

But there is certain to be more controversy over bonuses at Barings after it emerged that Andrew Tuckey, the former deputy chairman who resigned after the crash and was taken on again as a corporate finance consultant, could receive a bonus-enhanced remuneration package worth up to £500,000. Mr Tuckey played a key role in the Lloyds-TSB deal.

Big-time City bonuses are back after company mergers and acquisitions generated a record £950 million in fees. Top staff in the most successful corporate finance arms can expect bonuses of at least 100 per cent, and in many cases 200 per cent, of salaries.

During 1995, SBC Warburg fell from the number one spot to number three. Warburgs worked on 48 deals worth £13.8 billion in total. The runner-up slot went to Lazard Brothers, ranked ninth in 1994, with 30 deals valued at £14.7 billion. Lazard advised Glaxo in its takeover of Wellcome and is currently working on two large high-profile deals — advising Granada in its £3.1 billion bid for Forte and acting for National & Provincial Building Society in its proposed £1.3 billion takeover by Abbey National.

Philip Healey, editor of *Acquisitions Monthly*, said: "If these two deals had completed by now, Lazards would most probably have shot to the top of this league table."

Mr Healey added: "1995 was undoubtedly a good year for all those involved in mergers and acquisitions. Apart from the record fees which the year's flood of takeovers generated, it was also a period when, after five quiet years, banks started to recruit, rather than remove, staff. In addition, merchant bankers are currently enjoying some bumper Christmas bonuses."

Among independent banks, besides Lazard Brothers, NM Rothschild shot up to number four from 11th in 1994, while Schroders fell from second spot last time to sixth this year, and Robert Fleming went from eighth to 11th.

US banks were also well represented with four of the majors in the top 20 — JP Morgan from nowhere to fifth, Morgan Stanley in at number seven, again from outside the top 20, Goldman Sachs, which dropped seven places to number ten, and Lehman Brothers back in the fold at 14.

Mr Healey said: "A number of the UK-based merchant banks were occupied with worrying about their own futures. This 'turmoil' ... left the way clear for some of their US cousins to muscle in and lead some of the year's largest deals."

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Leeson ready to make decision over appeal

NICK LEESON, the trader blamed for the £860 million collapse of Barings, will tell his lawyer today whether he wants to appeal against part of his sentence. If he does go ahead and fails, he risks having a further year added to his six-and-a-half-year prison term (Robert Miller writes).

John Koh, Leeson's Singapore lawyer, yesterday confirmed that he would be visiting the 28-year-old former futures dealer to discuss the chances of having his sentence shortened. Leeson has already lodged a notice of appeal against the six-year sentence on a single charge of cheating. The six-month sentence on another, lesser, charge of cheating is not part of the appeal.

Mr Koh said that Leeson was weighing up the certainty of serving around three-and-a-half years of his sentence against the emotional roller-coaster he would undergo if he launches an appeal.

Leeson, who intends to seek a place on an Open University course in business studies while serving his sentence, is aware that the Singapore authorities are determined to send a signal to would-be fraudsters that the island state will not tolerate its financial standing in the world's money markets being undermined.



Parting of the ways: David Rogers, left, pictured with Alan Sugar, leaves just 16 months after joining Amstrad

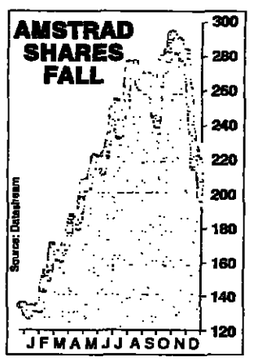
Amstrad shares hit by resignation

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

AMSTRAD shares plunged yesterday after the company announced the resignation of chief executive David Rogers and a further restructuring of its troubled consumer products division. They closed 28p down at 191.5p.

Amstrad said Mr Rogers left because he disagreed with a board decision to cut costs at Amstrad Consumer Electronics (ACE). He will leave on January 12, after just 16 months with the company. Amstrad would not say if he is due any severance pay or comment on the terms of his contract.

Analysts were surprised by Mr Rogers's resignation and thought it was likely to have followed a disagreement with Alan Sugar, the Amstrad chairman. They were less surprised to hear from Amstrad that consumer electronic sales are not looking good. The division has made a loss for the past three years, although Amstrad itself declared a pre-tax profit of £3.1 million for the year ending June 30.



Mr Rogers, who is on holiday in the West Indies, told the Amstrad board before Christmas that he wished to leave. Jeoff Samson, a non-executive director, said: "There was no row. The board took a decision to restructure, he did not agree and therefore left."

Analysts said it would be difficult to cut ACE costs further, pointing out that the division has few employees and contracts out most of its work. Details of the restructuring programme will not be announced for some weeks. Mr Sugar, who owns about 35 per cent of the company, now worth about £77 million, is on holiday and not expected back until January 8.

Amstrad is now looking for a successor to Mr Rogers, who was appointed in the wake of criticism of Mr Sugar's autocratic style. Mr Sugar, who is also chairman of Tottenham Hotspur football club, has a strained relationship with the City, particularly since the failure of his 1992 attempt to buy Amstrad back.

Amstrad shares hit a year-high of 300p in October but dropped sharply last month when Mr Sugar warned of late production start-up at Dancall, its mobile phone division. He also said ACE was finding the going tough, while Viglen, Amstrad's computer maker, was performing well.

"I think all the bad news is now built into the share price," one analyst said yesterday.

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S&P Composite	613.57	(–0.96)*

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Yield	6.00%*	(6.01%)

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3-mth Interbank	6¹⁄₁₆%	(6¹³⁄₃₂%)
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STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5385*	(1.5600)
London:		
$	1.5453	(1.5601)
DM	2.2245	(2.2311)
FFr	7.6015	(7.6730)
SFr	1.7868	(1.7977)
Yen	158.69	(160.30)
£ Index	83.4	(83.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4415*	(1.4335)
FFr	4.9200*	(4.8975)
SFr	1.1575*	(1.1570)
Yen	102.80*	(102.83)
$ Index	93.7	(93.7)

Tokyo close Yen 102.60

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Mar) $17.80 ($17.80)

GOLD

London close $386.95 ($387.35)

* denotes midday trading price

CBI talks

Leaders of the Confederation of British Industry and the Association of British Chambers of Commerce are in talks about closer working arrangements in a move which could see at least some rationalisation of the UK's chaotic system of business representation. Both sides insist that there is no question of any merger of the two bodies. Page 20

Big order

Airbus Industrie has won a $2 billion order for 24 wide-bodied aircraft from Philippine Airlines. Boeing, however, expects a $1 billion plus order for eight 747 jumbos from the airline. Page 21

CBI sees room for further rate cut

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A FURTHER interest rate cut may soon be needed to counter slowing economic growth, the Confederation of British Industry says today.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, the CBI president, gives a warning in his New Year message that manufacturers expect an imminent slowdown in output growth and says stocks of goods are at their highest since November 1992. "If this continues and inflation remains under control, we would support a further cut in interest rates to provide a stimulus to business growth," he says.

Declining growth in Britain is compounded by the weakening of European economies that are Britain's chief trading partners.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, cut base rates by a quarter point to 6.5 per cent on December 13 after official figures showed inflation was lower than expected and the rate of economic growth declining. In a new forecast, the CBI says inflation will continue to fall. It has shaved its inflation forecast for 1996 by 0.1 per cent to 2.8 per cent, falling to 2.7 per cent by the end of 1997. That is close to the mid-point of the Government's 1-4 per cent target range.

After reworking its figures in the light of last month's Budget, the CBI sticks by its forecast that growth during 1996 will be just 2.5 per cent, rising to 2.8 per cent in 1997.

Sir Bryan says the CBI is "cautiously optimistic about the prospects for the economy". Consumer spending is expected to provide the mainstay of growth as incomes rise faster than inflation. He also expects a further fall in the number of jobless, saying: "Provided we are able to maintain a firm control of costs, we should see unemployment fall very close to the psychologically important two million mark."

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Jewellery business collapses

A JEWELLERY chain that turned a market trader into a millionaire has collapsed with debts of £3 million.

Bow Bangles, which sold cut-price jewellery and fashion accessories and made Mark Smith one of the richest men in the Midlands, has called in the administrators.

The business employs 380 people and has a network of 70 shops. Until its collapse, it had seemed to be defying the high street slump to which it succumbed.

Established in 1987, Bow Bangles expanded at a rapid rate and planned to trade from 100 outlets by next year. Until recently, the firm had flirted with the idea of a stock market flotation.

Mr Smith, 38, first made money at the age of 23 when he sold secondhand goods, including records and car spotlights, from a Birmingham market stall made from orange boxes and a wardrobe door.

Fewer businesses end in failure

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE overall number of business failures fell slightly in 1995, but a rise in the number of large company liquidations is an ominous sign for next year, according to Dun & Bradstreet, the business information group.

Total failures were down to 41,303 from 43,525 after a fall in the number of small companies going bankrupt, but Dun & Bradstreet said that this decline of 5.3 per cent was disappointingly small compared with the 16.3 per cent fall between 1994 and 1993.

In addition, larger company liquidations rose by 5.6 per cent to 17,280 from 16,362 in 1994, the first time the toll has risen for three years. The biggest jump, of 28 per cent, was recorded in London, followed by Scotland, with an increase of 20 per cent. There were also rises in northwest and northeast England and a slight upturn in the West Midlands.

Philip Mellor, senior analyst at Dun & Bradstreet, said the number of large companies going under was worrying. "For the past nine months we have witnessed an increasing trend in company liquidations in the capital which has now spread to other parts of the country," he said. "It remains to be seen in the coming months what impact this will have on smaller companies."

In the last three months of 1995, overall business failures increased by a quarter in northwest England and by 16 per cent in the North East. Dun & Bradstreet said the disappointing results in the final quarter meant that there was little decline in the number of business failures in these two regions for the year as a whole.

Wales stood out as the region with the biggest decline in business failures of 19 per cent in the year as a whole. There were also large falls in the South West (18.5 per cent) and the South East (16.6 per cent).

Lloyds TSB shares enjoy modest opening day

SHARES in the newly merged Lloyds TSB bank group ended their first day of stock market trading at a modest 4½p premium to close at 343½p, capitalising the company at £16.3 billion (Robert Miller writes).

During the day, the new Lloyds TSB shares, which officially opened at 339p, went as high as 349p and as low as 313p.

Around one million former TSB shareholders whose names were on the ordinary share register at close of business on December 27, can also look forward to a special dividend of 68.3p a share, payable on January 18.

The final allocation of the new Lloyds TSB shares was only concluded on Wednesday evening. Lloyds Bank shareholders received 2.704 of the new Lloyds TSB shares, an allocation based on the share prices of both banks when the deal was first announced in October. TSB shareholders received a straight one-for-one swap, plus the special one-off dividend.

Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds Bank, yesterday denied reports that it wanted to sell TSB's Hill Samuel. Sir Brian said he saw the merchant bank as "a brand worth developing". He added that Hill Samuel's fund management and private banking businesses were areas to expand.

Meanwhile, Kent Atkinson, a long-time Lloyds Bank executive, was yesterday appointed group chief financial officer of the new Lloyds TSB group.

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Boardroom pensions take giant strides

BY OUR CITY STAFF

COMPANY directors are receiving huge pension contributions on top of high salaries despite public concern over executive greed, according to a report published today.

The survey, in the *Labour Research* magazine, states that more than a quarter of top directors of the UK's biggest 100 public companies were given contributions of £100,000 or more in one year alone, while just over half received £50,000 or more.

According to the report, Jim Fifield, a US-based director of the EMI Music division of Thorn EMI, tops the league with a pension contribution of £869,000, higher than the salaries paid to most company directors.

In second place is Sir Neil Shaw, chairman of the Tate & Lyle sugar and sweeteners group, who received £756,000 in pension payments. His contribution equalled more than 165 per cent of his £456,000 salary. The £257,120 pension contribution provided to Keith Orrell-Jones, chief executive of the Blue Circle building materials and home products group, was 80.3 per cent of his £320,320 salary.

"The executives also do very well in percentage terms, with a third of those in the survey receiving contributions equivalent to more than 20 per cent of their pay," says the Labour survey. The researchers point out: "Workers generally get around 10 per cent of earnings paid into their pension scheme — just over £1,700 a year for those on average earnings."

Labour Research is published by the Labour Research Department, an independent trade union and labour movement organisation.

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Shaw: second highest

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Grid float discounts launched

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

TIM EGGAR, the Energy Minister, yesterday launched the discount payments to electricity customers that came out of the flotation of the National Grid. From next month, domestic customers will see their bills reduced by a one-off discount of £54.60 which comprises a £50 rebate decreed by the electricity regulator and additional returns from refunds on VAT and the fossil fuel levy which buoys the nuclear industry.

Although consumer groups have broadly welcomed the return, they are known to be lobbying Mr Eggar over the fossil fuel levy. Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, last week created controversy when he said that the levy — which costs about £20 a year on domestic bills — would remain and be reviewed again on privatisation of the industry. Michael Heseltine had earlier in the year pledged that the levy would go on privatisation.

Mr Eggar launched the grid payments at Seeboard, the electricity group being bought by Central and South West Corporation, the US utility. Seeboard has worked with the DTI to co-ordinate the bill discounting which will be completed by the end of March.

NIGEL BOWLES



Tim Eggar watches the first discounts on electricity bills from the National Grid flotation being printed at Seeboard offices in Worthing, West Sussex

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.18	2.02
Austria Sch	18.69	15.19
Belgium Fr	48.80	44.50
Canada $	2.224	2.064
Cyprus CypE	0.750	0.695
Denmark Kr	9.24	8.44
Finland Mkk	7.33	6.68
France Fr	8.04	7.39
Germany Dm	2.38	2.17
Greece Dr	399.00	364.00
Hong Kong $	12.68	11.68
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.2600	4.6300
Italy Lira	2569.00	2414.00
Japan Yen	173.90	157.90
Malta	0.592	0.537
Netherlds Gld	2.648	2.418
New Zealand $	2.52	2.30
Norway Kr	10.44	9.64
Portugal Esc	244.00	225.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.48
Spain Pta	196.00	183.00
Sweden Kr	10.99	10.19
Switzerland Fr	1.93	1.75
Turkey Lira	refer	89627.0
USA $	1.654	1.524

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CBI and chambers herald new era of co-operation

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LEADERS of two of Britain's main business organisations are in talks about closer working arrangements in a move which could see at least some rationalisation of the UK's chaotic system of business representation.

Senior officials of the Confederation of British Industry and the Association of British Chambers of Commerce have been holding preliminary discussions about working more closely together, though both insist that there is no question of any merger of the two bodies.

The Government is keen to see a more coherent representation of business in the UK, though the initiative by Michael Heseltine, former President of the Board of Trade, for a rationalisation of Britain's rash of trade associations by insisting the Department of Trade and Industry will only deal with a particular industry's principal body has so far produced few results, if any.

Some Labour party figures are also insistent that business needs to reform its representation channels, maintaining that greater involvement in Europe, where social partnership including representative business bodies is now a part of the legal system, is increasing the pressure on business organisations in Britain to rationalise themselves.

Business leaders themselves recognise that the representation of industrial and service interests could and should be better. Talks have begun between the CBI and the BCC after a successful collaboration on particular projects, including a survey of business attitudes to Europe, which was extensively used by leaders of both main political parties and large companies.

Though the CBI is seen as much more of a force nationally than the BCC, chambers of commerce are strong at local level in individual towns. Leaders of both organisations believe that closer working between the two could see a regional presence for the chambers, which would strengthen the CBI's regions, seen as a weak part of its structure. Talks on joint projects between the CBI and the BCC will be continued in the new year.

Discussions on policy issues are already taking place between national officials of the two organisations, which produce a range of competing material — not just on individual policy matters, but in such areas as the two bodies' regular large-scale industrial surveys.

CBI leaders, who have successfully grown a family of business surveys from its original key quarterly trends survey, would be reluctant to see any blurring of such products, just as the chambers would reject any moves which might see the end of the use of the name 'chamber of commerce', which has an international as well as a UK resonance.

BCC leaders, in particular, accept that many companies are irritated with the number of agencies operating locally for businesses and to which they are pressed to subscribe.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Unit trust sales show signs of revival

UNIT trust sales to private investors in November were the best for seven months, leaving management groups hoping that the public's appetite for unit trusts had returned and the rising trend would carry on into 1996. The Association of Unit Trusts and Investments Funds (Autif) said that net retail sales of £335.4 million last month were the best since March's £375.8 million. Overall, however, net investment, which includes money invested by the institutions, was lower at £589.5 million compared with October's £603 million. But at £932.3 million, unit trust repurchases were the highest since March.

Net sales of personal equity plans of £283 million were up £5 million on the previous month, and the value of Pep funds rose by £700 million to £16.8 billion. A year ago, the value of Pep funds stood at £11.8 billion. Sales of the new-style corporate bond Peps, which started in July, were £93 million, the equivalent of 33 per cent of all net Pep sales. The total value of funds under management in November was £109 billion, compared with £107 billion in October and £91.7 billion a year ago.

Gilt auction dates

THE Bank of England yesterday announced the maturities of gilt-edged stock issues it intends to sell at auction in the first quarter of 1996. It will auction gilts with a maturity range of 2000 to 2002 on January 31 and March 27 and maturities of 2000 or longer on February 28. The February auction will extend the existing maturity range after strong interest in a new ultra-long stock was expressed by gilt-edged market-makers. The Bank said that the maturity of the ultra-long will be determined after further discussion with market-makers but will be 2020 or later. The longest dated stock at present is 2017.

Swalec ruling delayed

A DECISION on whether the move by Welsh Water to buy South Wales Electricity, its neighbouring utility, should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) has been delayed. The Director-General of Fair Trading is taking an extended period to study the proposals. Such an extension is permitted if the director needs extra time. He now has until January 25 to study the planned takeover, which would create the country's second super utility after Norweb's takeover of North West Water, which was not referred to the MMC.

Stagecoach joins race

STAGECOACH HOLDINGS, the bus and train operator, has confirmed its interest in bidding for London's Docklands Light Railway. The DLR, which operates driverless trains in the redeveloped Docklands to the east of the City of London, said it had received "significant interest" from potential bidders during a consultation process. Formal competition to run services will begin early next year. The winner of the franchise is expected to be identified in autumn 1996, DLR said. The Government plans to franchise the DLR to the private sector for seven years from 1996.

Land Rover pulls ahead

LAND ROVER has smashed production records, with a 35 per cent increase in the number of vehicles leaving the West Midlands factory this year. The success of the new Range Rover series plus the introduction of the Land Rover Defender and its Discovery stablemate to the US sent demand soaring during 1995. Before the Christmas break, the factory at Solihull was turning out 3,000 vehicles a week, making the plant one of the busiest in Britain. Production this year reached 127,287, compared with 94,472, the previous record set in 1994.

German chemical fears

EMPLOYERS in Germany's chemical sector have given warning that the country's sputtering economy may threaten growth in their industry only months after it roared out of recession on nearly triple-digit growth rates. BAVC, the employers' association, said a downturn in orders coupled with sluggish consumer demand indicate "stormy weather" ahead. BAVC said it was not yet clear whether the industry faces a temporary growth slump or whether the problems go deeper. In 1996, BAVC expects a stagnation in industries such as construction and textiles, key purchasers of chemicals.

Argentina on Clarke trade visit

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, today begins a two-week trade mission to Paraguay, Argentina, Chile and Brazil, accompanied by leading City players, representatives from water and electricity companies and top Treasury officials specialising in privatisation and international financial affairs (Janet Bush writes).

The most senior British politician to visit Argentina since the Falklands War, Mr Clarke said that British companies should seize the enormous potential Latin America now offers to exporters.

The heavy representation from the City is part of an effort to export British privatisation expertise. Mr Clarke will also be talking to finance ministers and officials as part of the follow-up to the Halifax Summit initiative to review the working of the International Monetary Fund and other international financial institutions in the wake of the collapse of the Mexican peso a year ago.

Building group incurs loss

BRITISH Building and Engineering Appliances, the building equipment and services group, incurred losses of £7.1 million in the year to June 30, compared with profits of £2 million last time (Martin Barrow writes).

Losses included an exceptional charge of £4.9 million against contract losses and writedowns and a £2.9 million on discontinued operations.

Robert Paine, chairman, said the company accepted the need to increase its activities, including the possibility of a merger with public or privately owned companies. The loss per share was 57.9p, against earnings of 12.5p, and the final dividend makes a total of 2.5p, reduced from 8p. The shares fell 6p to 30p.

Dr Paine said current trading was in line with expectations and the group had made a small profit in the five months to November. National Westminster Bank, the company's principal bankers "are being very supportive," he said.

Professional firms help communities

BY JON ASHWORTH

BRITAIN'S leading lawyers and accountants are donating thousands of pounds' worth of free time to help community projects. Funds raised annually under the Business in the Community drive have reached £1.2 million after just six years.

Dozens of firms have signed up with the Professional Firms Group (PFG), set up in 1989 to channel professional time into local communities. Initially, ten firms each agreed to provide 100 hours a year of professional time, providing the equivalent of £50,000 in fees between them. The PFG now embraces 225 firms.

Christopher Jonas, the PFG's founder chairman, said the initiative had proved tremendously successful, adding: "This is the delivery of free professional advice in the community, by local people in the community themselves. People go in, do a job, then get back to work."

Typical assignments include converting churches into community centres, putting accounting systems into art centres and providing legal advice for community projects. The PFG also helps smaller charities to apply for lottery funding — a process otherwise beyond their means. An application for £2 million in lottery funds typically costs £10,000 in professional fees.

Mr Jonas, who runs a strategy boutique for corporate property and advised the consortium buying into Canary Wharf in London's Docklands, said: "Smaller voluntary sector organisations are trying to get access to lottery funding but don't have enough money to put the application together. Accountants, surveyors and lawyers are putting together first-class proposals for funds of £1 million to £2 million, helping to get projects off the ground."

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☐ Great City minds ponder political change ☐ Independents gain from banking upheavals ☐ Amstrad's way with words

A look at life under new Labour

☐ A COUPLE more deaths of ageing MPs, a fair actuarial chance, or even the odd bankruptcy, and John Major will have the election forced upon him, rather than being allowed to wait until spring 1997 and some firm green saplings of economic recovery.

The City, or the majority of it that has joined the game since 1979, has never quite been able to take seriously the idea of a Labour government. But various great minds have been addressing themselves of late to just what a Labour administration might mean for the individual sectors of the market, a task not helped by the deliberate lack of firm policy statements from new Labour.

The clear losers from new Labour would be the utilities, because the party is committed to a utilities tax, to the extent of having spent the money several times over. Utilities' executives say privately that they can live with the scale of tax grab being discussed, but the impact on share prices has been muted by the takeover frenzy in the power and water sectors. It is unlikely, however, that even the most radical Labour administration would extend the tax to British Gas in its current straitened circumstances, whatever the rank and file might think of Cedric Brown. Business most distrusts Labour for its plans to implement a minimum wage, with the party's refusal to reach a firm figure only adding to that mistrust. Industries in the service sector that employ any number of low-paid workers would be especially hit, which means retailing and leisure.

Against that, a widening of the wealth base in favour of the lower end of the social scale would put more cash in the pockets of poorer consumers — good for leisure sectors such as bingo, the cinema and holiday operators.

Closer ties to Europe would help those already exporting there — GKN, Lucas and other motor trade firms already looking to gain from the forecast recovery in continental economies. Manufacturing, generally, might expect Labour to look more favourably on it, whatever the strains between factory floor and boardroom.

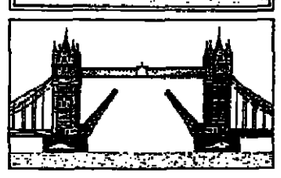
Received wisdom has it that the builders always do well under Labour, but received wisdom in this case is probably wrong. Tony Blair will have to show himself ultra-cautious on inflation to have any credibility with the money markets, even if a dose of inflation would have been just the tonic for the housing market, along with a greater sense of job security under Labour.

But the prime beneficiaries under Labour have previously been the firms that build the roads and other big infrastructure projects. Labour, by temperament anti-roads, is not going to rush to boost capital spending, and it will take some years, given Britain's arteriosclerotic planning system, for the investment gap that has been opened up by the Tories to be closed.

Ranking the bankers

☐ AGGRIEVED Barings bondholders may howl, but the hard figures on mergers and acquisitions for this year suggest Andrew Tuckey was worth the money. The former deputy chairman, now on a year's consultancy, was a key player in a number of the deals that pushed the bank to the top of the list.

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There are three conclusions to be drawn from the figures provided by *Acquisitions Monthly*. One is that the fall of the House of Warburg cleared the way to the top, after Warburgs had hogged the number one slot for three years and had been expected to stay there. The second is that the upheavals in merchant banking, and the arrival of new owners for three of the leading contenders, favoured those who were still independent as well as the Americans.

Witness the success of Lazards and of NM Rothschild, both propelled from the middle ranks of the top 20 into the top four. Schroders is hanging on in sixth place, and boutique JO Hambro Magan is still in the running. JP Morgan and Morgan Stanley both arrive from nowhere, with Credit Suisse First Boston moving up the list.

The third conclusion is that such lists, although providing a little year-end fun and harmless point-scoring, do not tell us a great deal about what will happen in 1996. The ratings have been heavily skewed by the one-off effects of huge deals such as Glaxo Wellcome, which served to push Barings and Lazards into first and second place.

Had Granada/Forte and Abbey National/National & Provincial both been completed before the deadline, Lazards would have been on top. But this is no guarantee where either of them will be next time — Barings almost certainly will not be top dog. The dimming of Warburgs' star behind a Swiss alp has made next year's list far less predictable.

There are two views on whether the spate of takeovers will continue to run. One is that prices of quoted companies have now risen beyond all reason. The second is that business will be keen to get that last deal done before any Labour government that will be more inclined to block hostile takeovers. On balance, bank on the latter.

Back to square one for Sugar

☐ AMSTRAD, that least bureaucratic of companies, chose a wonderfully bureaucratic turn of phrase to pump out a profits warning yesterday.

The structure of the consumer electronics division, the bit that loses money and supplies the goods sold in the high street, would have to be altered "with a view to reducing its cost base into line with its sales potential". Translation: less demand, lower sales, job losses, and an as yet unquantified one-off hit on profits.

That phrasing, and a somnolent stock market, delayed the necessary leap backwards for the share price. The surprise was the departure of David Rogers, brought in to provide a degree of credibility for what had always looked like a one-man band. The bigger surprise, perhaps, was that he lasted 16 months with the combative Alan Sugar.

Mr Sugar arouses strong emotions. His employees love him to a fault. The City mistrusts him, and he has a Roddick-like contempt for the pin-striped suits in return. Amstrad was insisting yesterday there had been no row; certainly there was a dispute, as witness Mr Rogers's departure.

That dispute, over whether pruning of the business was needed, took place well before Christmas, but the announcement has, unsurprisingly, come out on one of the dead days between the two holidays. For Mr Sugar, it all looks like back to square one. He will need another chief executive, to retain what City credibility Amstrad still has. Happy hunting, Mr Sugar — and go armed with a very long service contract.

Fat forever

☐ BOARDROOM bosses may be worth millions while they are actually bossing. But why do companies buy them such huge pensions at an age when they are no longer likely to quit and when they could easily provide for themselves? Shareholders might be that grateful, but boards dare not ask them. There is no excuse for humbler employees bearing the cost via the pension scheme, as they often do.

Airbus and Boeing land $3bn PAL deal

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE has won a $2 billion order for 24 wide-bodied aircraft from Philippine Airlines (PAL). Boeing expects a $1 billion-plus order for eight 747 jumbos.

The European jet-building consortium, in which British Aerospace is a partner, has beaten off a strong challenge from Boeing of Seattle to supply aircraft needed by the Philippine carrier to take up unused landing rights in the United States.

Orders for 20 A330 twin-jets and four A340 four-engined aircraft will provide a much needed lift for Airbus. During 1995, Airbus signed contracts to deliver only 16 of its big new twin-aisle planes. The bulk of new orders in this battleground were won by Boeing Commercial Airplane of America, which secured 77 orders for its 777 twin-jet.

Boeing will nonetheless receive orders for eight Boeing 747-400 jumbos — a market sector in which Airbus has no rival aircraft — as part of the $3 billion-plus package.

An Airbus spokesman in Paris confirmed that contract details of the A330s and A340s are being finalised after a PAL official in Manila revealed which aircraft had been chosen. The official said that the airline expected to obtain finance from the US Export-Import Bank and export credit agencies in Europe.

The fleet renewal programme has been approved by the airline's board and orders will be placed within weeks. "It would make our airline more reliable and improve our services," the unnamed official said.

Competition in the sub-jumbo category is particularly intense because the Western world's three leading civil aircraft manufacturers have invested $1 billion apiece to develop new aircraft, which have become available before the build-up in demand predicted by the forecasters. The new aircraft come in variants with 300-350 seats, for either "long, thin routes" or to carry large numbers of passengers over shorter distances.

Airbus has firm orders for 269 of its A330-A340 wide-bodies. Boeing has 201 orders for models of its 777 that compete directly with the Airbus planes, plus 14 orders for its bigger 777-300. McDonnell Douglas, now pushed into third place in the civil jet league-table by the success of Airbus, has 168 orders for its MD-11.

British Aerospace designs wings for the entire Airbus range at its Filton site near Bristol and builds them in Chester. The aircraft are assembled in Toulouse, France. Rolls-Royce will be competing to supply engines to equip the Philippines aircraft.

Malaysian Airline System is expected to favour Boeing's 777 to re-equip and expand its long-haul fleet. Airbus is thought to be front runner to supply single-aisle A320-series aircraft for shorter routes.

Flotations slump in 1995

THE number of companies joining the stock market tumbled in 1995. A total of 85 flotations raised about £2.6 billion, compared with a record 218 companies last year raising £10.1 billion and 163 in 1993 raising £5.2 billion.

Neil Austin, head of new issues at KPMG Corporate Finance, said: "In many ways there was bound to be a reaction to the very buoyant years of 1993 and 1994.

"Not only is there normally a cyclical pattern to the activity, but also the well publicised problems of some of the new issues which started to come to light in the second half of 1994 caused many institutional investors to lose interest."

Mr Austin said the general strength of the stock market in the latter part of 1995, with the FTSE index hitting new records, had changed the climate to some extent.

"The first half of 1996 looks as if it could be much busier than 1995. There are some large issues in the pipeline, including the privatisation of Railtrack, and activity at the smaller end is also picking up."



Stephen Maran said Lloyds Abbey is injecting DM5 million into its loss-making subsidiary before selling it

Lloyds Abbey sells subsidiary

LLOYDS ABBEY LIFE, 63 per cent owned by Lloyds Bank, has sold Transleben, its loss-making German life assurance subsidiary, for DM110 million (Marianne Curphey writes).

The purchaser is Haftpflichtverband der Deutschen Industrie, which is paying £35 million less than Transleben's book value of £85 million. Stephen Maran, LAL chief executive, said that LAL is putting another DM5 million into Transleben before the sale for solvency purposes.

Transleben is the only non-UK financial services business owned by LAL and has been recording losses in recent years, making a pre-tax loss of £13.6 million in 1994. LAL's accounts for the year to December 31, to be announced on February 14, will include Transleben's losses up to the point of sale — about £5 million before tax — and the £35 million write-off.

David Nisbet, analyst at NatWest Markets, described the price as disappointing. He downgraded his 1995 pre-tax profit forecast from £402 million to £367 million.

Specialist NHS services hit by skill shortages

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PUBLIC SECTOR employers are facing increasing skill shortages as the labour market tightens, a new study of the sector says today.

While private-sector companies have been reporting skill shortages as unemployment falls, today's report unusally points out that skill shortages in particular job specialisations — especially professional staff in the health service — are now affecting work in the public sector.

Looking at a sample of 76 National Health Service bodies employing 170,000 staff and 56 local authorities employing about 400,000 people, the study by Incomes Data Services, the independent pay research body, shows that recruitment problems affect most parts of the non-central government public sector.

In the NHS, the study says that most health organisations are facing difficulties in recruiting and retaining particular categories of employee, with notable shortages among physiotherapists, occupational therapists and psychologists. Nine-tenths of all NHS bodies surveyed report problems, and the study says skill shortages have "got worse", with "severe and persistent" shortages in some areas.

This marks a sharp increase from two years ago when only 45 per cent of health service bodies reported recruitment problems. The number of NHS bodies acknowledging they have no problems in recruiting and retaining staff has fallen over the same period from 53 to 18 per cent.

While half said recruitment difficulties were largely unchanged, 40 per cent said they have got worse and only 3 per cent that they have improved. Just under one third said they had problems recruiting physiotherapists, though the numbers reporting shortages among doctors and nurses were low.

Health bodies said that the continuing national shortfall in people being trained, the spread of fixed-term contracts and improved economic circumstances leading to higher turnover were the principal reasons for worsening recruitment. Skill shortages are seen as likely to be the main upward pressure on pay in the NHS in the coming year.

Despite the national agreement for a move towards local bargaining, most NHS trusts are still employing staff on national pay and conditions, though they expect that to change over the coming year.

French triumph in battle for Northumbrian Water

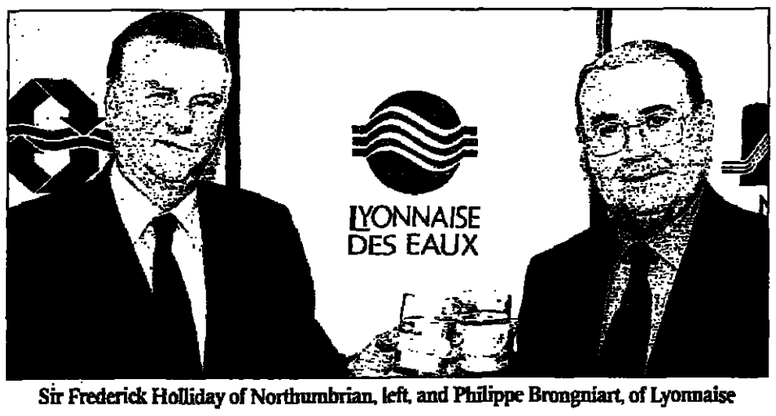
BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE ten-month battle for control of Northumbrian Water ended yesterday as Lyonnaise des Eaux, the French water company, announced that its £823 million bid had gone unconditional.

Lyonnaise said that it had received acceptances for 60 per cent of Northumbrian's capital by lunchtime on Wednesday, the closing date for the offer, taking its total holding to 65 per cent. The offer has consequently gone unconditional and will remain open for acceptances until further notice.

The takeover battle started in March when Lyonnaise announced its intention to bid for Northumbrian. The bid was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Committee. After the MMC had given its consent in the autumn, Lyonnaise surprised the City with a 1,165p-a-share offer, and Northumbrian's board, in spite of initial opposition, agreed the takeover.

Shares in Northumbrian closed up 4p at 1,173p, 8p above the bid offer but 6p below the price Lyonnaise will pay including a 14p special dividend.



Sir Frederick Holliday of Northumbrian, left, and Philippe Brongniart, of Lyonnaise

Cordis price dives over bid worry

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

SHARES in Cordis, the medical equipment manufacturer, fell sharply for the second consecutive day amid fears that Johnson & Johnson may abort its $1.8 billion takeover bid for the company.

The shares dropped below $95, making a fall of more than 11 per cent since J&J said two days ago that its due diligence exercise on Cordis would take several weeks longer than expected. Wednesday was the last day on which J&J could withdraw from the deal if it was dissatisfied with Cordis, but both companies said they were extending the deadline to January 22. The price fall has dragged the shares to about $15 below the $109 per share offered by J&J.

Some analysts said the delay simply reflected the time it would take to review the complex web of patents and cross-licensing agreements typical of many medical supply companies.

However, the relationship between J&J and Cordis, which rejected the original approaches of the medical supplies conglomerate before accepting the current offer, remains cool. This has raised concern that there may be management tensions between the companies that could scupper a deal.

The fall in Cordis's share price has turned the takeover offer into a graveyard for stock market arbitrageurs. When J&J first expressed interest in the company in October, they bid the shares up to $112, only to see Cordis accept a lower offer of $109. Many arbitrageurs are suffering losses of more than $15 per share.

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BP seeks advance for black S Africans

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

FREDERIK PHASWANA, the first black head of British Petroleum's Africa region and chairman and chief executive of BP Southern Africa, is aiming to increase the company's efforts to bring on its black staff.

Mr Phaswana, 50, who is a South African, took up his new jobs earlier this month, after three years as chairman of BP Netherlands and BP Belgium. "In developing black staff we have perhaps not applied ourselves as hard as we should. It is a difficult problem but we could have moved faster, more fundamentally," he said.

He will have responsibility for refining and marketing operations in the whole of Africa, although BP's huge new In Salah gas production project in Algeria will not be part of his remit; as a new province it is run separately, a BP spokeswoman said.

Mr Phaswana was born in Louis Trichardt, a small town in the Northern Transvaal heartland of conservative Afrikanerdom, the son of a tailor and lay-preacher and a domestic worker. He was the fifth of nine children.

In an interview for a BP in-house magazine, Mr Phaswana said: "There is headroom for everyone to grow now and that is perhaps different from the past."

His own past involved expulsion from high school three months before his final examinations for being involved in political protests. He managed to complete and pass the exams elsewhere and went on to study modern languages at university. He joined BP as a manual worker, becoming a personnel officer in 1973 and then moving into management.

Mr Phaswana said that white people in South Africa should not worry about black advancement in the workplace but should realise that they, too, have been in a "restricted business environment".

STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Assault on all-time high hit by Dow's opening fall

AN ASSAULT on the stock market's all-time high was stopped in its tracks by an opening fall on the Dow Jones industrial average on Wall Street.

At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index came within a whisker of its best ever, 3,688.0, with a rise of 11.5 points. It later retreated to end virtually all square, 0.3 ahead at 3,676.7. Turnover was a meagre 325 million shares.

Early attention focused on the start of trading in the newly merged **Lloyds TSB Group** as the shares gained automatic entry to the top 100 companies.

The price opened at 339p, ex the 68.3p special dividend, and traded in limits of 349p and 313p before ending 4¼p higher at 343½p. Brokers calculated that last night's closing price was the equivalent to a seven-point fall in the index.

Lloyds TSB was quick to deny reports that it was poised to sell Hill Samuel, its merchant banking business, for about £200 million. TSB paid £777 million for Hill Samuel in 1987.

Yesterday also marked the return of **Dixons** as a constituent of the top 100, replacing TSB. It ended the session 3p easier at 446p as 2.23 million shares changed hands.

The announcement of the departure of the chief executive of **Amstrad** sent the shares diving 28p to 191½p. David Rogers is believed to have resigned after plans to restructure the group's consumer electronics division. The move surprised the City. Mr Rogers was brought in by Alan Sugar in August last year with the specific purpose of restructuring the group.

The latest proposals are designed to cut costs in line with sales potential. But the City seemed unimpressed, with brokers expected to begin reviewing profits forecasts in the next week, or two.

Forte slipped 2½p to 329½p as investors continued to reflect on the proposed £1.05 billion sale of its roadside operations, including Happy Eater, Welcome Break and Travelodge, to Whitbread.

Forte is continuing to reject the £3.3 billion bid from **Granada** and will publish its final defence document next week. Granada finished 1p firmer at 644p.

Investors hoping for an early resolution to the Office of Fair Trading's inquiry into the proposed bid by **Welsh Water** for **South Wales Electricity** will be disappointed by the news that it has been extended by a further 15 days. The £872 million offer had been agreed by both sides after extensive negotiations. Welsh Water firmed 1p to 761p, while Swalec moved the other way to 942p.

Unloved for the past couple of years because of the fallout from the food price war, the supermarket chains were back in demand yesterday. Institutional investors fancy them for 1996, claiming that the sector could become a strong recovery play. **Argyll**, the Safeway supermarket chain, led the way higher, with a rise of 11p to 347p amid vague talk of a possible merger with **Asda**, ¾p dearer at 111p. Others to improve included **J Sainsbury** 10p to 393p, **Tesco** 1½p to 298½p, and **Wm Morrison Supermarkets** 4p to 141p.

Vaux Group, the Sunderland-based pubs and Swallow hotels group, jumped 14p to 284p as its name was linked to **Bass**, unchanged at 714p. It is thought Bass might like to merge Swallow Hotels with its Holiday Inns business. There is talk that Bass would be prepared to pay 325p a share valuing the entire group at about £400 million.

BT recovered its balance after going ex-dividend on Wednesday, with the price firming 3p to 349p. The group reported a 10 per cent increase in domestic and overseas calls on Christmas day to 47 million. The price was also bolstered by talk that it might link-up with Silvio Berlusconi in an assault on the Italian telecom market.

British Building and Engineering fell 6p to 30p after plunging into the red last year with pre-tax losses of £7.1 million, compared with a profit last time of £2 million. The figures included an exceptional charge of almost £3 million relating to losses on discontinued activities. The group tried to sweeten the pill with an announcement that current trading was in line with expectations and showing a small profit after five months. After recent boardroom changes, a major falsification of the accounts had been discovered at Boddis, its subsidiary.

Another company sliding into the red yesterday was **Stanelco**, unchanged at 1p. Continuing problems increased pre-tax losses during the first six months from £47,000 to £95,000. There is no interim dividend and little liklihood of a payout at the year-end.

Hambro Countrywide, the estate agent, rose 3p to 43p after a report in this column that at least one director had topped-up his holding in the company this week.

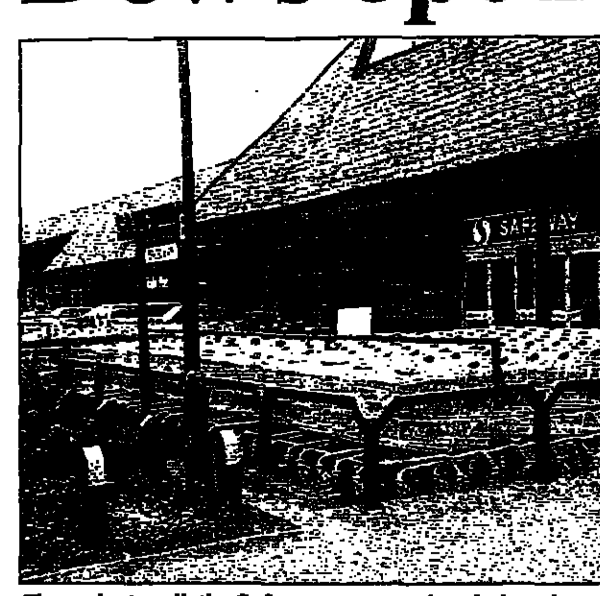
☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts had that year-end feeling to them, with prices trading in narrow limits for much of the day. The Bank of England published details of the next three auctions.

The first will be on January 31, with a maturing range of between 2000-02. The February issue will be pitched at the long end, with a maturity of 2020 plus, and the March issue will again be at the short end pitched around the 2000-02 range.

In the futures pit, turnover slumped to one of its lowest levels of the year as the March series traded in limits of £110 31/32 and £110 11/16 before finishing a tick firmer at £110¾. Only 6,400 contracts were completed.

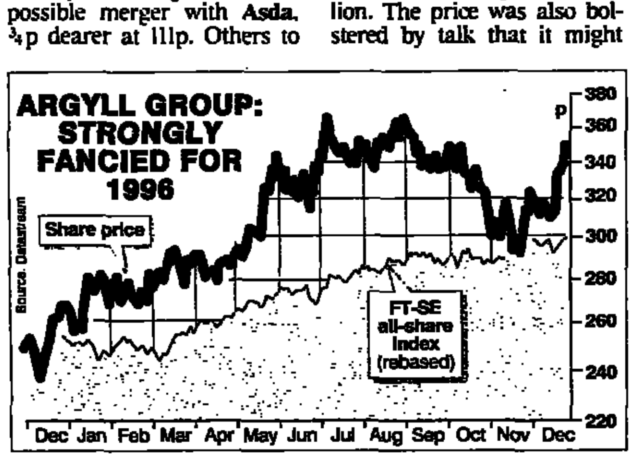
In the cash market, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 fell a couple of ticks to £102 31/32, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £⅛ easier at £104 15/16.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Wall Street shares continued to limp through the last week of the year, depressed by weakness in the high-technology sector. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 8.31 points to 5,097.51.



Shares in Argyll, the Safeway supermarket chain, advanced

Year-end bargain hunters lifted Trafalgar House 3p to 27p. The group will be happy to see the back of a disasterous 1995, confident that things must improve in 1996. Already there is talk that Jardine Mattheson is poised to increase its holding of 26 per cent via Hong Kong Land. A full bid would be the next step.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 5097.61 (-8.31)
S&P Composite .... 613.57 (-0.96)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 19873.19 (-138.63)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9998.17 (+12.94)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 485.35 (+0.33)

Sydney:
AO .... 2200.0 (-1.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2275.84 (-4.59)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2254.19 (-17.16)

Brussels:
General .... 8366.01 (+31.75)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1879.06 (+2.05)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 711.90 (-2.30)

London:

FT 30	2678.7 (+4.6)
FT 100	3676.7 (+0.3)
FT-SE Mid 250	4007.5 (+7.8)
FT-SE-A 350	1824.4 (+0.9)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1492.17 (+2.07)
FT A All-Share	1796.66 (+0.95)
FT Non Financials	1900.9 (+1.46)
FT Fixed Interest	114.68 (+0.36)
FT Govt Secs	95.92 (+0.20)
Bargains	18307
SEAQ Volume	342.7m
USM (Datastrm)	188.3 (+0.34)
US$	1.5572 (-0.0030)
German Mark	2.2299 (-0.0001)
Exchange Index	83.4 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1831
£:SDR	1.0450
RPI	149.8 Nov (3.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.8 Nov (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Cash Converters Intl	24	...
Century Inns	117	...
Com de Part Fin	510	...
Cortworth (150)	152	...
Cox Insurance	111	...
Crown Products	53	...
Dmatek	75	- 5
Finsb Tech Tst (100)	103	...
Gearhouse Gp (200)	199	...
Manx & O'seas	25	...
National Grid (204)	199½	...
Northern Petroleum	75	...
Nthn Petlm	8	...
Pet City	382	+ 2
Polymasc Pharms	127	+ 2
Revelation Plcc	100	...
Rushmere Wynne	3½	...
Unicorn Intl (133)	134	...
Victrex	245	+ 1½
Viewinn	130	...
Wilmington	67	+ 1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Dnloe Hse n/p (Ir10p)	1½	...
Melrose n/p (34)	6	...
Westbury n/p (150)	23	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Calor Gp	256p (+14p)
Vaux Group	284p (+14p)
Stagecoach	352p (+12p)
ICI	757p (+9p)
Danka Bs Sys	568p (+22p)
Amersham	892p (+29p)
Greenalls Gp	588p (+8p)
Vendome	584p (+11p)
Argyll	347p (+11p)
Sainsbury J	393p (+10p)

FALLS:

Amstrad	191p (-28p)
LASMO	174p (-8p)
Admiral	818p (-10p)
Chiroscience	326p (-8p)
RMC Gp	987p (-8p)

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TEMPUS

Power generators: heads they win, tails they win

THE bids by the UK's two largest electricity generators for regional distributors may be in the lap of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission but in other respects the power makers enjoy a charmed life.

PowerGen and National Power effectively set the price of electricty by bidding their generating capacity into the electricity pool in accordance with demand forecast by the National Grid. Their influence became apparent earlier this month when the price of power shot up to the unprecedented level of £1,108 per megawatt hour.

The price spike lasted for a brief peak period but its effects were severe. Electricity supply companies came under pressure. Locked into fixed-price contracts with large industrial users, they doled out financial inducements to persuade customers not to take the power they were entitled to. Factories contracted to pay the pool price scaled back production drastically with some shutting down temporarily.

Large users of energy railed against the electricity pool and at least one, ICI, is building its own generating plant. But the generating industry and the regulator explained away the huge increase — which had been exacerbated by strikes in France — as evidence that the price mechanism works.

The regulator has also said that the price caps applying to National Power and PowerGen can come off in the spring once they have disposed of some plant. Although disposals will encourage competition, the price cap removal will increase volatility.

In addition to more freedom, generators now also stand to benefit from the gas surplus that has forced some producers to negotiate gas supply contracts to power stations which include compensation for low electricity prices. If the electricity price falls, generators will pay less for their fuel. For the generators, this looks like a win-win deal. Reduced fuel costs will preserve their margins when prices are low but when the price rises, they laugh all the way to the bank.

Bids make market in '95

WITH MORE than £60 billion of takeovers completed or in progress, it is not suprising that 1995 has been a good year for the equity investor. Surplus cash fuelled a bidding frenzy that helped the all share index to score an 18 per cent increase over 12 months. Forecasts for earnings growth were looking very healthy in the first half as the spring reporting season confirmed double-digit rises for many industrial companies, but as the year progressed analysts began to cut their estimates heavily for cyclical stocks.

Picking takeover targets always contains an element of lottery but Tempus enjoyed more than its fair share of winners with two out of the six tips for 1995 taken over for good premiums to the market price. Overall, the Tempus portfolio of six stocks had a reasonable year, gaining 12 per cent in value but sadly, lagged the market owing to one serious underperformance.

Of the winners, Aran Energy was chosen because of its exposure to the huge oil discoveries in the new Atlantic province, west of the Shetlands. In December last year, its share price was 43p, well below most estimates of its net asset value, mainly because of the market's impatience for news of its interest in the Schiehallion field. However, the latent value was recognised by Arco, the American oil company, which made an offer of 61p, vigorously opposed by Aran. The Irish oil company eventually came up with a white knight in the form of Statoil, trumping Arco with a 77p recommended bid.

Tempus chose Boots, hoping that a revival on the high street would benefit one of the country's more professional retailers. In a lacklustre retailing environment, the chemists performed reasonably well. However, the company's DIY sheds suffered with the housing market and the recent price challenge from Asda on over-the-counter medicines left Boots shares well up but less than the market.

BTR failed to deliver much in a year when the conglomerates were yet again seriously out of favour and the company's habitual carelessness with investor relations did not help. The generous £2 billion buyout of its quoted Australian subsidiary, BTR Nylex, encouraged some investors to switch into the latter, depressing the UK shares. Of more concern was an unexpected profit warning this month, leaving BTR up 10 per cent for the year.

Scottish Power proves that in the short term, it is better to be invested in prey rather than predator. The electricity sector was all about bids this year and Scottish Power picked up ManWeb but the cost benefits of integration will not become apparent until next year. The less said about Sidlaw, the better. The oil service company, which is trying to become a packaging company, greeted the new year with a profits warning. Margins were shot to ribbons by raw material price increases and the short term hope is a takeover.

Finally, SG Warburg, which yielded to Swiss Bank Corporation not long after abortive negotiations with Morgan Stanley. In a complex deal, shareholders of the merchant bank received 365p in cash and half a share in Mercury Asset Management. Added together, the cash and the MAM stake showed a 21 per cent gain over Warburg's price last December.

TEMPUS TIPS FOR 1995

Company	Price 30/12/94	Price 28/12/95	Increase/(decrease) %
Aran Energy	43p	77p	79
Boots	504p	586p	16
BTR	293p	322p	10
Scottish Power	350p	367p	5
Sidlaw	198p	126p	(57)
SG Warburg	691p	833p	21
Tempus portfolio			12
FT All Share index			18

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	865-830	Mar	993-991
Mar	896-895	May	1006-1003
May	917-916	Jul	unq
Jul	936-934	Sep	—
Sep	955-953		
Dec	974-973		Volume: 1564

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2045-2040	Sep	1585-1577
Mar	1745-1740	Nov	1585-1570
May	1636-1630	Jan	1575-1550
Jul	1590-1585		Volume: 3648

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	30.70-06.1
Spot: 369.5		Dec	302.0-00.0
Mar	352.1-51.5	Mar	302.0-99.5
May	340.6-40.0	May	302.5-99.5
Aug	331.6-31.0		Volume: 905

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 27

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	117.25	125.33	122.62
(+/-)	+8.90	+9.37	+1.51
Eng/Wales:	117.74	126.21	120.87
(+/-)	+9.39	+8.91	+1.75
(%)	+25.0	+101.0	+112.0
Scotland:	111.07	123.33	128.89
(+/-)	unq	-10.54	-2.06
(%)	—	+111.0	+70.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.60	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Feb)	18.25	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.80	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	19.35	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	18.95	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	B	O
Premium Gas .15	173 (+2)	175 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	184 (-1)	186 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jan	182 (-2)	184 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Feb	177 (-2)	179 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	108 (+2)	110 (+2)
Naphtha	166 (+3)	167 9+3)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jan	178.25-78.50	Apr	160.00-60.25
Feb	172.50-72.75	May	157.25-57.50
Mar	165.50-65.75		Vol: 20266

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	18.26-18.28	May	17.04 BID
Mar	17.74-17.77	Jun	16.81-16.86
Apr	17.34-17.38		Vol: 20386

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	123.10	Jan	114.00
Mar	125.35	Mar	116.50
May	127.50	May	118.40
Jul	129.10	Sep	109.25
Sep	113.00	Nov	111.00
Volume: 118		Volume: 0	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	270.0
Apr	242.0	243.3
May	unq	275.5
		Volume: 0

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Jan 107.25-107.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 96	1595	1590	1593
Feb 96	1570	1570	1570
Mar 96	—	—	1538
Apr 96	1530	1530	1533
Vol. 28 lots		Open interest: 3666	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2839.0-2840.0	2680.0-2681.0	1346175
Lead ($/tonne)	720.00-721.00	717.00-718.00	185550
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1009.0-1009.5	1034.0-1034.5	985925
Tin ($/tonne)	6280.0-6285.0	6295.0-6300.0	20865
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1677.0-1678.0	1703.0-1704.0	856750
Nickel ($/tonne)	8050.0-8060.0	8170.0-8180.0	82506

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Dom.	500	23	40	46½	2	10½	18
(*520)	550	1	14½	21½	30½	36½	45
Argyll	330	19	31	36	2	8½	15
(*346)	360	3	15	20½	16	23	30
ASDA	110	4	9	12½	3½	8	9
(*111)	120	0½	5	8½	10	13½	15
Boots	550	37	52	60	1	7½	16
(*584½)	600	5	21½	30½	19	28½	39
Br Airways	460	12½	28	36½	6½	14½	22½
(*465)	500	1	11	18	35	38½	45½
BP	500	43½	49½	57½	0	5	9½
(*541½)	550	6	18	27½	13	23½	29½
Br Steel	160	5	11½	14½	3½	7½	13
(*161)	180	0	4	7	19	20	26
C & W	430	38	51½	60½	1	8	15½
(*455½)	460	9½	28	37½	13	23	31½
CU	600	31½	47½	54	3½	21	26
(*626½)	650	5	20½	30½	27	49	54
ICI	750	18	33½	46½	9½	32½	39
(*755½)	800	2½	14½	25½	45	66	70½
Kingfishr	500	43½	56½	61	1	10	18
(*541)	550	8	25½	32½	16	31½	40½
Land Sec	600	17½	34½	42	3	11	23
(*613)	650	0½	11	17½	37	39½	52½
M & S	420	27	38½	43½	1½	5½	11
(*445)	460	3	15	21	18	23½	30½
Nat West	600	51½	60	70	0½	13½	21½
(*648½)	650	14	27½	41½	12½	36	44
Sainsbury	390	9	22	27	5½	13	19½
(*392)	420	0½	9	14	28	31	37½
Shell	850	12	29	38½	10½	28	33½
(*850½)	900	0½	10	18½	49½	61½	66
Smkl Bch	700	17½	36½	51½	9½	25	32½
(*704)	750	2½	15½	29	46	59½	62
Storehse	330	9½	20	27½	6½	13	18
(*332)	360	1	8	14	28½	31½	35
Trafalgar	25	5	8	9½	1	3½	5
(*27)	30	3	6	8	4	6½	8
Unilever	1300	29½	57½	72½	7½	30½	40
(*1330)	1350	6½	30	47	34	57½	66½
Zeneca	1200	46½	82½	106½	9½	43	55½
(*1235)	1250	20	55½	79	30	67½	79½
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	460	14	27	38	17½	34	30½
(*464)	500	3	12½	21½	49	51	55½
Ladbroke	140	16	19½	24	5	10½	12½
(*149½)	160	7	11	15½	15½	21½	24
Utd Bisc	240	22	26	29½	4	9	12
(*255½)	260	10	15	19½	11½	19½	22

Series		Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	460	26	39½	46	1	7	13
(*483)	500	3½	16½	24	18½	25	31
Thames W	550	17½	37	45	7	17	32
(*558½)	600	1½	16½	23½	42	46½	62
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	550	35	43	51	8½	21½	31
(*571)	600	11½	18½	28½	34½	50	58
BTR	300	26½	29½	33½	1½	6½	8½
(*322)	330	7½	12½	17½	12	21	23½
Br Aero	750	58½	72	91½	10	22½	32
(*790)	800	29	45	64½	30	44½	54½
Br Telcm	330	25	34	40½	3	5½	12
(*348½)	360	8	17	24	16	18½	25½
Cadbury	500	41	47	57	6½	19	24
(*528½)	550	16	22½	33	30	45	49½
Guinness	460	25½	33½	40	6	16½	21
(*474½)	500	7	14	21	28	39½	43
GEC	330	33	41	46	2½	4½	9½
(*359)	360	12	21	26	12	14½	21
Hanson	191	7½	—	—	6½	—	—
(*192)	211	1	—	—	22	—	—
LASMO	160	17	20½	26	1½	5	7½
(*173½)	180	5½	10	15	10	13½	16½
Lucas	160	19½	23½	26½	1	3½	5½
(*176½)	180	6½	11½	15	8	11½	13½
Pilkingtn	191	12	18	22	4½	6½	11*
(*197)	210	3½	9	13	15½	16½	21
Prudential	390	31½	37	46	6	14½	21½
(*412½)	420	14	21	31½	17½	29½	36½
Redland	360	30½	39	43½	3½	12	15
(*383½)	390	13	21½	27½	15	27	30
R-Royce	180	12	15½	20	4½	9	11
(*186)	200	3	6½	11	16	20	22½
Tesco	280	24½	29	32½	3	7½	10½
(*299)	300	11½	16½	21	9½	16	19
Vodafone	220	12½	19½	25	8½	12	15
(*221½)	240	5	11	16½	20½	23½	26
Williams	300	28½	33	35½	1	5½	7½
(*324½)	330	8	14	17½	10½	19	21

FT-SE INDEX (*3677)

	3550	3600	3650	3700	3750	3800
Calls						
Jan	135	91	52	26	10	2
Feb	155	116	82	53½	32	17½
Mar	172	134	103½	76½	53	36
Apr	180½	149	117½	93	70	53
Jun	—	182½	—	125	—	79½
Puts						
Jan	6	13½	26½	51	85½	134
Feb	17½	28½	45½	68	98½	137
Mar	34	46	65	88½	116	151
Apr	53½	71½	90	114	142	174½
Jun	—	96½	—	137	—	192½

Series		Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat.	600	49	58	66½	17	25½	33½
(*631)	650	22	32½	42	43½	51½	59½
Amstrad	180	24½	30½	35	7	10	11
(*191½)	200	15	22	25½	17	20	21
Barclays	700	57	64½	73½	15½	23	31
(*739)	750	26	38	47½	40	46	55
Blue Circ	330	23	28	34	10	19½	22½
(*338½)	360	10	14	20½	26½	37	39½
Br Gas	240	22	26½	29	6½	12	13
(*257½)	260	11	15½	19	14½	22	23
Dixons	420	38½	50½	57½	10½	15½	20½
(*445½)	460	18	28½	36½	29½	34	39½
Forte	300	36½	40	45	3	5½	6½
(*329½)	330	16	20	26½	10½	17	17½
Tarmac	100	10	13	15½	4	6½	9½
(*105)	110	5	8	10½	9	12	15
Hillsdwn	160	14	16	17½	3½	8	10½
(*168½)	180	4½	6½	8	14	20½	22½
Lonrho	160	18	22½	24	2	4	7
(*175½)	180	6	11½	13½	11	13	16
Sears	100	8½	10½	12	2½	4½	5
(*105)	110	3	5	7	7½	9½	10½
Thm Eml	1500	72	108	127½	41	55½	70½
(*1519½)	1600	30	61½	80	102	110½	125
Tomkins	260	23½	31	35	5	8	11½
(*278½)	280	11½	19	23½	12½	16½	20
Lloyds TSB	322	31½	35½	—	7	12½	—
(*346)	352	14½	20½	—	20	29	—
Series		Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo Well	900	21	44	60	12	37½	46½
(*905)	950	4	22	38½	46	68½	76
HSBC	950	55½	82	96	4½	32	42½
(*998)	1000	22½	52½	68½	20½	55½	69½
Reuter	550	38½	54	65	1½	14½	20
(*585)	600	7½	25	37½	20	37	43
Series		Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Royal Ins	360	29½	36	43½	1½	15	20½
(*382½)	390	7½	21	28½	12½	31	36½
Series		Mar	Jun		Mar	Jun	
Fisons	260	5½	9½	—	0½	0½	—
(*265)	280	0½	0	—	15	18	—
Series		Feb	May		Feb	May	
Eastern Gp	950	36	35	—	0	0	—
(*972½)	1000	12½	0	—	34½	34	—
Series		Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	430	41	53	56	4	13	19½
(*450½)	460	16	30½	35½	18½	30½	34
Scot Pwr	360	17	25½	30½	11½	14½	19½
(*367½)	390	6	12	17	30	32½	37

December 28, 1995 Tot: 15240 Call: 10696 Put: 4544 FT-SE Call: 1517 Put: 2778

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 96	3689.0	3706.0	3683.0	3691.0	4223
Previous open interest: 63156	Jun 96				3692.0	0
FT-SE 250	Mar 96				4030.0	0
Previous open interest: 3315	Jun 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 96	93.77	93.78	93.75	93.76	5105
Previous open interest: 340282	Jun 96	93.93	93.93	93.90	93.93	3236
	Sep 96	93.96	93.97	93.94	93.96	2199
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 96				94.65	0
Previous open interest 0	N/A					
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 96	96.42	96.45	96.42	96.42	12592
Previous open interest: 932981	Jun 96	96.55	96.56	96.54	96.54	7954
Long Gilt	Mar 96	110-25	110-31	110-22	110-24	6403
Previous open interest: 130789	Jun 96				110-06	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 96	119.76	119.88	119.76	119.84	1118
	Jun 96	118.36	118.46	118.36	118.40	447
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 96	99.10	99.31	99.10	99.24	19987
Previous open interest: 199440	Jun 96				98.58	0
Three month ECU	Mar 96	95.04	95.05	95.04	95.05	626
Previous open interest: 17308	Jun 96	95.13	95.14	95.13	95.14	71
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 96	98.33	98.34	98.31	98.33	1160
Previous open interest: 40473	Jun 96	98.35	98.37	98.35	98.37	995
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 96	108.30	108.22	107.72	107.78	8821
Previous open interest: 52720	Jun 96	107.35	107.50	107.35	107.28	110

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 6 Week fixed: 6½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 7/16; 3 mth 6⅜. Sell: 2 mth 6 5/16; 3 mth: 6¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6 11/16-6 9/16	6½-6⅜	6⅜-6¼	6¼-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	6 9/16-6 7/16	6½-6⅜	6½-6⅜
Interbank:	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	6 9/16-6 7/16	6½-6⅜	6½-6⅜

Overnight: open 6¾, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6½	n/a	6½	6⅜	6¼
Sterling CDs:	6½-6⅜	6½-6⅜	6⅜-6¼	6 5/16-6 3/16	6¼-6⅛
Dollar CDs:	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Building Society CDs:	6½-6⅜	6⅜-6¼	6⅜-6¼	6¼-6⅛	6¼-6⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅝-5½	5 11/16-5 9/16	5⅝-5½	5 9/16-5 7/16	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	3⅞-3¾	3¾-3⅝	3 9/16-3 7/16	3½-3⅜	4½-3½
French Franc:	5½-4¾	5¼-4¾	5½-5	5½-5	5½-4½
Swiss Franc:	2-1¾	1¾-1½	1 11/16-1 9/16	1⅝-1½	2-1
Yen:	½-¼	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $386.70-387.20 **Close:** $386.70-387.20 **High:** $387.00-387.50 **Low:** $386.40-386.90 **AM:** $386.85 **PM:** $387.00

Krugerrand: $390.00-391.00 (£251.00-253.00)

Platinum: $402.50 (£258.50) **Silver:** $5.15 (£3.325) **Palladium:** $128.25 (£82.35)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Dec 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4915-2.5030	2.4917-2.4950	¾-½pr	1½-1¼pr
Brussels	45.65-45.90	45.66-45.76	0.13-0.09pr	0.33-0.27pr
Copenhagen	8.5978-8.6510	8.5980-8.6200	1½-1pr	4-3pr
Dublin	0.9665-0.9705	0.9665-0.9691	9-6pr	24-19pr
Frankfurt	2.2225-2.2365	2.2229-2.2260	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	232.00-233.15	232.01-232.63	0.28-0.55ds	1.10-1.54ds
Madrid	188.25-189.40	188.23-188.52	0.39-0.49ds	1.21-1.38ds
Milan	2452.50-2470.10	2452.60-2456.60	0.08-0.10ds	0.23-0.25ds
Montreal	2.1006-2.1205	2.1006-2.1036	0.21-0.13pr	0.36-0.25pr
New York	1.5448-1.5620	1.5448-1.5458	0.12-0.10pr	0.33-0.30pr
Oslo	9.8310-9.8500	9.8320-9.8470	1¼-¾pr	3½-2½pr
Paris	7.5950-7.6350	7.5950-7.6080	1-½pr	2½-2pr
Stockholm	10.3170-10.3675	10.3170-10.3400	¼-¾ds	¼-¾ds
Tokyo	158.55-160.45	158.55-158.83	1-½pr	2½-2pr
Vienna	15.6380-15.6925	15.6380-15.6650	¾-½pr	1-¾pr
Zurich	1.7850-1.8015	1.7853-1.7882	¾-½pr	2-1¾pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3426-1.3435
Austria	10.07-10.08
Belgium (Com)	29.40-29.44
Canada	1.3600-1.3605
Denmark	5.5445-5.5475
France	4.8950-4.8960
Germany	1.4318-1.4323
Hong Kong	7.7307-7.7317
Ireland	1.6056-1.6076
Italy	1582.60-1583.60
Japan	102.45-102.49
Malaysia	2.5395-2.5405
Netherlands	1.6026-1.6036
Norway	6.3158-6.3233
Portugal	149.50-149.60
Singapore	1.4125-1.4135
Spain	121.12-121.17
Sweden	6.6375-6.6475
Switzerland	1.1520-1.1530

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5557-1.5583
Australia dollar	2.0897-2.0920
Bahrain dinar	0.5830-0.5940
Brazil real*	1.5074-1.5116
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7020-0.7120
Finland markka	6.7175-6.8335
Greece drachma	366.00-373.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.0321-12.0340
India rupee	54.23-55.19
Indonesia rupiah	3539.00-3607.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4615-0.4715
Malaysia ringgit	3.9530-3.9571
New Zealand dollar	2.3779-2.3820
Pakistan rupee	53.20 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7850-5.9110
Singapore dollar	2.1987-2.2017
S Africa rand (com)	5.6450-5.7470
U A E dirham	5.6650-5.7890

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	538	Land Secs	187
ASDA Gp	2,400	Legal & Gn	183
Abbey Ntl	261	Lloyds TSB	464
Allied Dom	1,900	Marks Spr	1,300
Argos	56	NatWst Bk	1,700
Argyll Gp	2,200	Nat Grid	8,100
AB Foods	144	Nat Power	428
BAA	2,700	NW Water	180
BAT Inds	3,000	P & O	1,900
BOC	790	Pearson	575
BP	2,100	Pilkington	565
BSkyB	198	PowerGen	530
BTR	7,000	Prudential	1,600
BT	6,600	REXAM	365
Bk of Scot	1,500	RMC	713
Barclays	2,500	RTZ	1,000
Bass	683	Rank Org	1,400
Blue Circle	518	Reckitt Col	163
Boots	767	Redland	288
BAe	1,100	Reed Intl	593
BA	1,200	Rentokil	588
Brit Gas	3,100	Reuters	1,300
Brit Steel	1,700	Rolls Royce	920
Burmah Cstl	136	Royal Ins	203
Burton	3,500	Ryl Bk Scot	5,100
Cable Wire	2,800	Sainsbury	1,900
Cadbury	684	Schroders	102
Carlton Cms	1,200	Scot & New	143
Cm Union	189	Scot Power	505
Cookson	1,600	Svrn Trent	129
Courtaulds	1,000	Shell Trans	1,000
Dixons	2,300	Siebe	174
Enterpr Oil	347	SmKl Bch	2,400
For & Col IT	418	Smith Nph	507
Forte	2,300	Smiths Inds	158
GKN	122	Sthern Elec	143
GRE	1,000	Std Chand	2,700
GUS	611	Sun Allnce	400
Gen Acc	71	TI Gp	576
Gen Elec	6,500	Tate & Lyle	894
Glaxo Well	1,400	Tesco	1,500
Granada	420	Thames W	562
Grand Met	2,000	Thrn EMI	1,000
Guinness	662	Tomkins	861
HSBC	1,200	Unilever	451
Hanson	7,500	Vodafone	2,600
ICI	838	Whitbread	1,600
Kingfisher	810	Wlms Hld	226
LASMO	2,000	Wolseley	411
Ladbroke	1,700	Zeneca	650

WALL STREET

	Dec 28 midday	Dec 27 close
AMP Inc	38½	38½
AMR Corp	72½	73½
AT & T	64½	64½
Abbott Labs	41½	40½
Advanced Micro	16½	17
Aetna Life	69½	70½
Ahmanson (HF)	26½	26½
Air Prod & Chem	53	52½
AirTouch Comm	28½	27½
Alberto-Culver B	33½	34½
Albertson's	32½	32½
Alcan Aluminm	30½	30½
Alco Standard	45½	45½
Allied Signal	47½	48
Alum Co of Am	49½	49½
Amax Gold Inc	7½	7½
Amerada Hess	53½	52½
Amer Brands	44½	45
Amer El Power	40½	40½
Amer Express	41½	41½
Amer Genl Corp	34½	34½
Amer Home Pr	95½	95½
Amer Intl	93	93½
Amer Stores	26½	26½
Amer Standard	28	28
Ameritech	59½	58½
Amoco	72½	71
Anheuser-Busch	66½	66½
Apple Computer	32	32½
Archer Daniels	18½	18
Armco	5½	5½
Armstrng Wrld	61½	62½
Asarco	30½	30
Ashland Oil	35½	35½
Atl Richfield	112½	112½
Auto Data Pro	73	72½
Avery Dennison	50½	50½
Avon Products	75	75
Baker Hughes	24½	24½
Baltim Gas & El	28½	28½
Banc One	37½	37½
BankAmerica	64½	64½
Bank of NY	49½	48½
Bankers Tr NY	67½	67½
Barnett Banks	59½	59½
Bausch & Lomb	39	39½
Baxter Intl	41½	41½
Bectn Dicknsn	73½	73½
Bell Atlantic	66½	67½
Bell Industries	22½	22½
BellSouth	43½	43½
Black & Decker	34½	34½
Block (H&R)	41	40½
Boeing	78½	77½
Boise Cascade	34½	35½
Bristol Myrs Sq	85½	85½
Browning Ferris	28½	28½
Brunswick	22½	22½
Burlington Nthn	77	77½
CNA Financial	112½	111½
CPC Intl	68½	69
CSX	44½	44½
Campbell Soup	58½	59½
Can Pacific	18½	18½
Cptl Cities ABC	123½	124
Carolina Pwr	34½	34
Caterpillar	58½	59½
Central & SW	28	27½
Champion Intl	41½	42½
Chase Manhtn	60½	60½
Chemical Bk	58½	59
Chevron Corp	52½	52½
Chrysler	54½	54½
Chubb Corp	98½	98½
Cigna Corp	103½	104½
Citicorp	67½	66½
Clorox	71½	71½
Coastal Corp	37½	37½
Coca Cola	74½	74½
Colgate-Palmolive	70½	70½
Columbia Gas	43½	43½
ColumbiaHCA	51½	51½
Compaq Comp	47½	48½
Comp Ass Int	57	58
Conagra	41½	41½
Conrail	70½	69½
Cons Edison	31½	31½
Cons Nat Gas	45½	45½
Cooper Inds	36½	36½
Corestates	37½	37½
Corning Inc	30½	30½
Crown Cork	41½	41½
Dana Corp	29½	29½
Dayton Hudson	74½	75½
Deere	35	35
Delta Air Lines	72	72½
Deluxe Corp	29½	29½
Detroit Edison	34½	34½
Digital Equip	61½	63½
Dillard Dept St	29½	28½
Disney (Walt)	59½	60½
Dominion Res	41½	41½
Donelley (RR)	38½	38½
Dover Corp	36½	36½
Dow Chemical	69	69½
Dow Jones	39½	40½
Dresser	24½	24
Duke Power	47½	47½
Dun & Bradstreet	63½	63½
Du Pont	69½	69½

	Dec 28 midday	Dec 27 close
Eastman Kodak	67½	67½
Eaton Corp	53½	53½
Emerson Elec	79½	79½
Engelhard Corp	21½	21½
Enron Corp	37½	37½
Enserch	29	28½
Ethyl Corp	12½	12½
Exxon	82½	82
FMC Corp	67½	67½
FPL Group	46½	46½
Federal Express	69½	69½
Fed Nat Mtge	124½	124½
First Interstate	136½	136
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Fnl Grp	41½	42
Fluor Corp	65½	65½
Ford Motor	28½	29
GTE Corp	44	44
Gannett	60	60½
Gap Inc Del	42½	43½
Gen Dynamics	60	60½
Gen Electric	71½	71½
Gen Mills	57½	57½
Gen Motors	50½	51½
Gen Reinsurance	153	153½
Gen Signal	32½	32½
Genuine Parts	40½	40½
Georgia Pac	67½	68½
Gillette	52	52½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	28	28½
Goodrich (BF)	68½	67½
Goodyear Tire	44½	44½
Grace (W&R)	59½	59½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	23½	23½
Great West Fin	25½	25½
Halliburton	50½	50½
Harcourt General	41½	40½
Heinz (HJ)	32½	32½
Hercules	56½	56½
Hershey Foods	65½	65½
Hewlett Packard	84½	84½
Hilton Hotels	61½	61½
Home Depot	47½	47½
Homestake Mng	15½	15½
Honeywell	47½	47½
Household Intl	57½	58
Houston Inds	24½	24½
Humana	27½	26½
ITT Corp	51½	51½
Illinois Tool	56½	57½
Illinova	29½	29½
INCO	32½	32½
Ingersoll Rand	35½	35½
Inland Steel	24½	25½
Intel Corp	57½	58½
IBM	90½	92
Intl Flav & Fr	48½	48½
Intl Paper	37½	37
James River Va	23½	23½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	86	86½
Kellogg	76½	76½
Kerr-McGee	62½	61½
Kimberly-Clark	80½	81½
Kmart	6½	6½
Knight-Ridder	62½	63
Lilly (Eli)	55½	55½
Limited Inc	16	16½
Lincoln Nat	52½	52½
Litton	44	43½
Liz Claiborne	27	26½
Lockheed Martin	78½	77½
Louisiana Pac	24½	24½
MCI Comm	26	26½
Marriott Int	37½	38
Marsh & McLnn	88½	88½
Masco Corp	30½	30½
May Dept St	42½	41½
Maytag Corp	20½	20½
McDonalds	45½	45½
McDonnell D	90	89½
McGraw Hill	86½	86½
Mead Corp	51½	51½
Medtronic	55½	55½
Mellon Bk	52½	52½
Melville Corp	30½	30½
Merck Inc	65½	64½
Merrill Lynch	51½	51½
Microsoft	87½	88½
Minnesota Mine	64½	64½
Mobil Corp	114½	113½
Monsanto	122	122
Morgan (JP)	79½	79½
Motorola Inc	56½	57½
Natl Semi	22½	23½
Natl Service Ind	31	31
Navistar Int	10½	10½
NY Times A	29	29½
Newmont Mng	43½	43½
Niag Mohawk	9½	9½
Nike B	69	67½
NL Industries	12½	12½
Noram Energy	8½	9
Nordstrom	40	40½
Norfolk Sthrn	78½	77½
Nthn State Pwr	48½	49
Norwest Corp	33½	33½
Nynex Corp	52½	51½
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ohio Edison	23½	23½
Oracle	42½	43½

	Dec 28 midday	Dec 27 close
Oryx Energy Co	13½	13½
Owens Corning	45	44½
PPG Industries	44½	44½
PNC Bank	31½	31½
PP&L Res	25	25
Paccar Inc	43½	44½
Pacificorp	21½	21½
Pac Enterprises	28½	28½
Pac Gas & Elect	28½	28½
Pac Telesis	33½	33½
Pall Corp	25½	26½
Panhandle East	27½	27½
Parker Hannifin	34	33½
Peco Energy	29½	29½
Penney (JC)	46½	46½
Pennzoil	42½	42
Pepsico	56½	56½
Pfizer	63½	63
Pharm & Upjhn	39½	39½
Phelps Dodge	60½	60½
Philip Morris	90	90½
Phillips Per	34½	34½
Pitney Bowes	46½	45½
Polaroid	48	48½
PriceCostco	14½	14½
Procter & Gmbl	83	83½
Providian	40	40½
Pub Serv E & G	30½	30½
Quaker Oats	34½	34½
Ralston Purina	61½	61½
Raychem Corp	56½	57½
Raytheon	46½	46
Reebok Intl	27½	28
Reynolds Metals	53½	53
Roadway Srvcs	49½	49½
Rockwell Intl	52½	52½
Rohm & Haas	63½	63½
Royal Dutch	140½	140½
Rubbermaid	25½	25½
SBC Comms	57½	58
Safeco Corp	34½	34½
St Paul's Cos	56	56½
Salomon Inc	35½	34½
Sara Lee Corp	32½	32½
Scecorp	17½	17½
Schering Plough	54½	54½
Schlumberger	69½	69½
Seagram	34½	34½
Sears Roebuck	39	38½
Shell Trans	80½	81½
Sherwin Wlms	41½	41½
Skyline Corp	20½	20½
Snap-On-Tools	45½	45½
Southern Co	24½	24½
Sprint Corp	39½	39½
Stanley Works	50½	51
Sun Company	26½	26½
Sun Microsys	45½	46½
Suntrust	68	68½
Supervalu	31½	31½
Sysco Corp	32½	31½
TRW Inc	77½	77½
TCC Inds	2	2½
Tandem Comp	10½	10½
Tandy Corp	40½	41½
Teledyne	24½	24½
Temple Inland	43	42½
Tenneco	49½	48½
Texaco	79	78½
Texas Instr	51½	52½
Texas Utilities	40½	40½
Textron	71	70½
Time Warner	37½	37½
Times-Mirror A	34½	34
Timken	38½	38½
Torchmark	44½	44½
Toys R Us	21½	22
Transamerica	73½	73
Travelers	61½	62½
Tribune	60½	60½
Tyco Labs	35½	35½
UST Inc	34	34½
UAL	175	177½
US Inds	17½	17½
USX Marathon	19½	19½
Unicom	33	32½
Unilever NV	141	140½
Union Camp	47½	47½
Union Carbide	37½	37½
Union Pacific	67½	66½
Unisys Corp	5½	5½
USAIR Group	13½	13½
USF&G Corp	17	17½
US Life	29½	29½
United Tech	95½	94½
Unocal Corp	29½	29½
VF Corp	52½	52½
WMX Tech	28½	28½
Wal-Mart Stores	22½	22½
Warner-Lambert	95½	95½
Wells Fargo	214½	213½
Westinghouse El	16½	16½
Weyerhaeuser	43½	43½
Whirlpool	53	53
Whitman	22½	22½
Winn Dixie	36½	37
Woolworth	13	13½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	52½	51½
Xerox	137½	138½
Yellow Corp	12½	12½

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

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Blessed is the big giver

THE City is tearing its hair out trying to fathom who has written — and presented — a £1.6 billion cheque payable to HM Collector of Taxes.

BusinessAge, in its December issue, picks up on an item in this year's annual report of the Inland Revenue in which the IR admits the £1.6 billion item was accounted for "by one unusually large tax adjustment".

Speculation focuses on any number of FT-SE 100 companies. However, since any Footsie company which had suffered such a blow-out would by now have reported the fact in its interim or year-end statement. Glaxo-Wellcome, Hanson, BT, and Unilever have been ruled out.

Perhaps the clue to the true identity lies in the IR's actual words ... "action against non-compliance", which points to a company that has not been doing quite the right thing for a number of years, *BusinessAge* suggests.

The sleuths, lending an ear to gossip that the hit went through the IR's City office, favour a foreign banking, or banking-related, group.

As they say ... it is more blessed to give than receive.



"Is this the queue for the special dividend?"

Fishing for trade

SAMMONS Associates, the headhunter, is promising a dose of self-promotion in January with a newspaper advert every Thursday spreading the word about who they are. But, methinks, they're doing all right as it is. The firm's City address is Fish Street Hill ... and their Christmas gift to clients was a side of salmon.

Boxing stupid

ONLY from America ... a card arrives from software group Ibbotson Associates of Chicago in a large but otherwise empty box. Proceeds from the card, which studiously avoids the word "Christmas", go to support various youth charities ... and it cost $7 to post the box.

Graphology

A PERPLEXED Euro Disney shareholder, in receipt of a letter from Philippe Bourguignon, chairman and chief executive officer, wondered why he was employing a man who could not write his name. (See illustration). "Subsequently it occured to me that the squiggle was not an attempt at a signature but a share prices graph — the straight line representing average share prices and the crooked line Euro Disney shares."

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EVERYTHING you've ever wanted to know about Europe and more ... the new edition of *The European Union Encyclopedia and Directory 1996* (Europa Publications) is published today. An A-Z section, a directory of EU institutions, a host of consumer bodies and professional organisations — and maps too! It's all yours for £195.

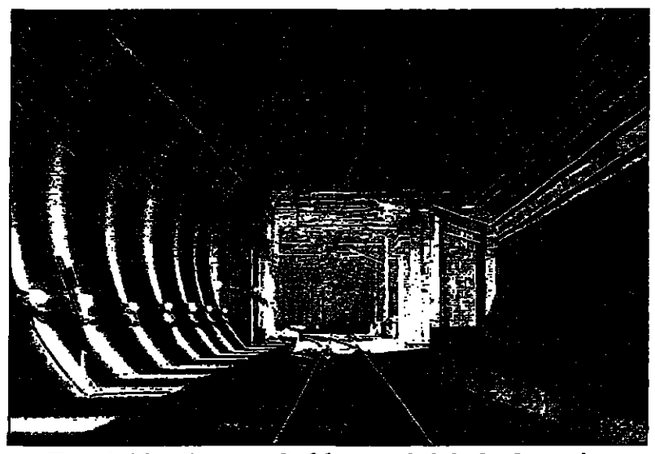
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Takeover fever puts shine on returns

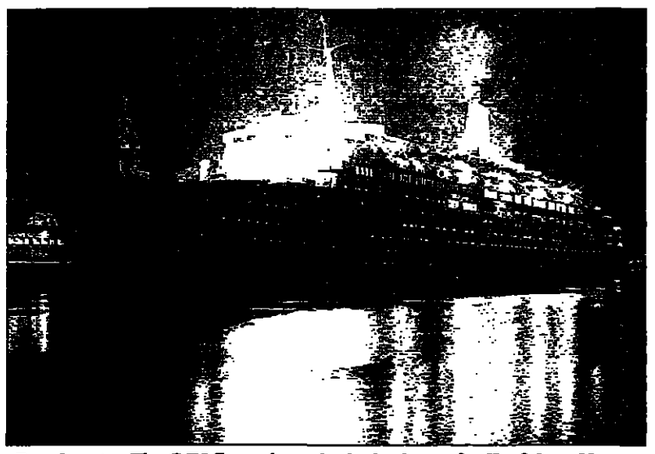
It was a good year for market investors in spite of a late bout of nerves, Michael Clark reports



Takeover triumphs: among those with a winning hand were, clockwise from top left, Sir Richard Sykes (Glaxo Wellcome), Peter Dawe and Chris Batterham (Unipalm/UUNET), Algy Cluff (Cluff Resources/Ashanti), Robert Cawthorn (Fisons/Rhône-Poulenc Rorer) and Sir Nicholas Goodison (TSB/Lloyds)



Tunnel vision: Eurotunnel's debts put a hole in the share price



Rough water: The *QE2* fiasco launched a bad year for Trafalgar House

Share prices on both sides of the Atlantic shrugged off a brief panic attack before Christmas to end the year on a high note. As a result, investors can look back on 1995 with a certain degree of satisfaction.

It was the year when inflation finally appeared to be under control. Investors enjoyed some of the best returns on their money that the stock market has seen for a number of years. Corporate takeover activity also soared to its highest level, boosted by Britain's biggest bid battle, Glaxo's £9 billion offer for its rival Wellcome, and a seemingly endless stream of bids for the privatised electricity and water utilities.

Over the period, the FTSE 100 index of leading companies soared 621 points, or 20 per cent, to finish the year on a high note, in spite of that late bout of nervousness.

There can be little argument about the overall best-performing share in 1995. That honour goes to **Unipalm**, the computer software company that went surfing on the Internet just as the City discovered an insatiable appetite for technology stocks.

The Internet grabbed the imagination during 1995 and those companies that service it were clearly going to attract support. In the event, Unipalm found itself on the receiving end of a 450p-a-share bid from the American outfit UUNET in November. The offer valued the company at almost £100 million and must have been even better than winning the lottery for Peter Dawe, who founded Unipalm with a £6,000 loan. Starting the year at 118p, Unipalm ended it at 650p, a staggering 450 per cent higher.

Another beneficiary of the Internet was **Maid** with a leap of almost 236 per cent to 232p, having been as high as 323p. Investors have been whetting their appetites in anticipation of the group offering its Profound financial information package to the Internet's estimated 30 million users. The group appears to have overcome technical problems and can now offer 100 million pages of financial information at a profit.

Azlan is also hoping to make its fortune on the Internet and has begun expanding rapidly on the back of it. The computer network specialist group has already acquired businesses in Italy, Germany, France, Denmark and The Netherlands with finance provided by a £20 million rights issue in November. It has also announced distribution deals with two other Internet providers, Netscape Communications and Interactive Telephony.

In fact, technology companies featured strongly throughout the year. The next best performance came from a small company with just a short history on the stock market. **Oxford Molecular**, floated in April 1994, specialises in software for the pharmaceutical industry. *Investors were delighted by* news of a link with Perkin-Elmer, the US scientific instruments group, to develop the next generation of software products aimed at identifying genetic data so rapidly that it can be intergrated in drug design. Oxford's shares started the year at just 50p but put in a strong finish to close at 258p, an increase of 416 per cent.

Other biotech companies to enjoy strong gains throughout the course of the year included **Chiroscience Group**, up from 97p to 328p, or 238 per cent, **ML Laboratories**, up from 136p to 349p, or 156 per cent, and **Celltech**, 307p higher at 588p, or 109 per cent.

But the prize for one of the most spectacular and dramatic gains on the year goes to **British Biotech**. Having achieved a useful, if modest, improvement on the year, it finished 1995 on a high note. Within the space of two days, the price doubled from £10 to £20. There was even talk that the price had hit £50 in frenetic trading during one session in New York.

This flurry of activity was generated by the publication of an interim report on its cancer treatment Marimastat. This showed that the drug caused a statistically significant reduction in the growth of cancer cells in four different types of rumour. It ended the year at £18.10, a price rise of 234 per cent.

Even the company was taken aback by the surge in the share price. It was quick to point out that any firm conclusions about the potential of the drug would have to wait until the completion of clinical testing. But as the experts were quick to point out, a large number of drugs show promise during the early stages of testing and, at present, there are several rival drugs being tested that may achieve the same result.

The decision to apply for a US listing for its shares also provided a lift to **Learmouth Burchett Management Systems**. The price responded with a leap of almost 258 per cent to 287p.

Takeovers included **Fisons**, which finally accepted an offer from Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, **TSB Group** benefited from the offer by Lloyds Bank, and **Cluff Resources**, up 158 per cent, was bid for by Ashanti. Speculators continue to live in hope with the likes of British Aerospace and Standard Chartered. Perhaps 1996 could be their year.

While there was no shortage of bid speculation throughout 1995, there was also no shortage of profit warnings. They became almost a daily occurrence and manage to take their toll of the offending company's share price.

Eurodollar, the car rental group, excelled itself with not just one profits warning but three. Not bad for a company that was only floated last year at 220p and which ends 1995 at 69p. In November, the company concluded that second-half profits would fall short of a disastrous set of first-half figures, which had already seen profits slump from £8.2 million to £2.4 million.

Sterling Publishing was able to muster two profits warnings before initiating a boardroom shake-up on the way to becoming one of the worst stock market performers during 1995. In July, the group, which publishes *Debrett's Peerage*, unveiled losses of £8 million. It blamed those losses on an ill-fated move into Eastern Europe.

One of the biggest losers in 1995 was **Trafalgar House**, once a blue-chip conglomerate whose assets include the *Queen Elizabeth 2* luxury liner, the Ritz Hotel, and the construction firm of Trollope & Colls. Already weighed down by huge debt, the group set about restoring its fortunes, although it seemed that everything it turned its hand to ended in disaster. Its bid for Northern Electric towards the tail-end of 1994 had been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. When it was finally given the all-clear, Northern had strengthened its defences, but it was the industry regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild, who finally threw the spanner in the works.

In a badly handled exercise, he decided to review the pricing policies of the regional electricity companies, sending their share prices plummeting. Trafalgar quickly reduced the value of its terms, but the revised offer was rejected by the City institutions.

Trafalgar also had to contend with the fiasco of the *QE2's* disastrous voyage after a re-fit in a German shipyard. It inflicted little damage to the share price but provided an insight into the way this once-proud company was being steered.

Finally it was forced to sell the Ritz just months before *revealing staggering losses of* £321 million. Without the support of its biggest shareholder, Hong Kong Land, its future would almost certainly be bleak. As it was, the group saw its shares tumble from 78p to an all-time low of 21p. The price ended a miserable year for the company at just 27p.

One high-flyer that was knocked from its perch in 1995 was **Tadpole Technology**, the manufacturer of hand-held computers. After hitting an all-time high of 440p in 1994, it ended the year at a lowly 77p after reporting increased losses of almost £10 million.

A series of missed forecasts and an underlying worry that the company has begun running short of money has only added to the group's problems. The mystery buyer who had been poised to snap-up 25 per cent of the shares, also failed to materialise.

Inchcape, the Toyota distributor and overseas trader, got into trouble towards the year-end with one broker's profit downgrading eventually causing the group to lose its place as a constituent of the top 100 companies. UBS, the broker, did the damage, raising questions about the group's ability to maintain its dividend. The toll on the share price was considerable, with *the price plunging from 310p* to a low of 206p.

Eurotunnel, buckling under the burden of huge debt levels, was forced to freeze payments to the banks. Revenues also failed to match expectations and left the shares down from 284p to 87p. Investors might be forgiven for wishing that this was still just a big hole in the ground.

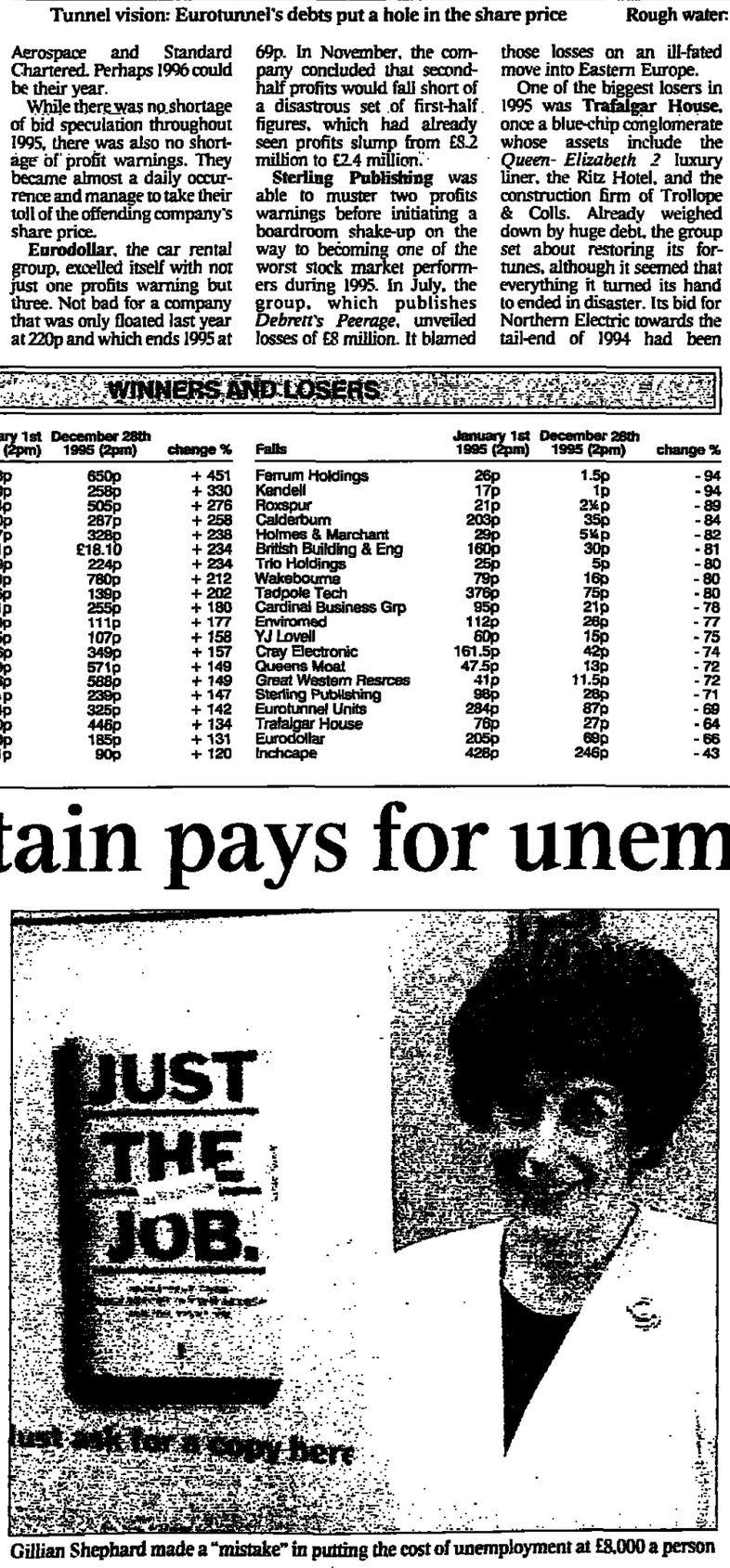
WINNERS AND LOSERS

Rises	January 1st 1995 (2pm)	December 28th 1995 (2pm)	change %
Unipalm	118p	650p	+ 451
Oxford Molecular	60p	258p	+ 330
Azlan Group	134p	505p	+ 276
Learmouth & Burchett	80p	287p	+ 258
Chiroscience	97p	328p	+ 238
British Biotech	541p	£18.10	+ 234
Maid	69p	224p	+ 234
Psion	250p	780p	+ 212
Alvis	46p	139p	+ 202
Northamber	91p	255p	+ 180
Tinsley Robor	40p	111p	+ 177
Cluff Resources	41.5p	107p	+ 158
ML Laboratories	136p	349p	+ 157
JJB Sports	229p	571p	+ 149
Celltech Group	236p	588p	+ 149
Acom Group	96¼p	239p	+ 147
Sage Group	134p	325p	+ 142
Dixons Group	190p	446p	+ 134
Sherwood Computing	80p	185p	+ 131
Forward Technology	41p	90p	+ 120

Falls	January 1st 1995 (2pm)	December 28th 1995 (2pm)	change %
Ferrum Holdings	26p	1.5p	- 94
Kendell	17p	1p	- 94
Roxspur	21p	2¼p	- 89
Calderbum	203p	35p	- 84
Holmes & Marchant	29p	5¼p	- 82
British Building & Eng	160p	30p	- 81
Trio Holdings	25p	5p	- 80
Wakebourne	79p	16p	- 80
Tadpole Tech	376p	75p	- 80
Cardinal Business Grp	95p	21p	- 78
Enviromed	112p	26p	- 77
YJ Lovell	60p	15p	- 75
Cray Electronic	161.5p	42p	- 74
Queens Moat	47.5p	13p	- 72
Great Western Resrces	41p	11.5p	- 72
Sterling Publishing	98p	28p	- 71
Eurotunnel Units	284p	87p	- 69
Trafalgar House	76p	27p	- 64
Eurodollar	205p	69p	- 66
Inchcape	428p	246p	- 43

What Britain pays for unemployment

Philip Bassett hears the debate on the true cost of joblessness



Gillian Shephard made a "mistake" in putting the cost of unemployment at £8,000 a person

How much does unemployment cost? Even when unemployment is falling, the cost of more than two million jobless people, especially when close to half of them are long-term unemployed, is high. The politics of unemployment mean, however, that no one can agree how high.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, refuses to go beyond what the Treasury gauges is the cost of paying out benefits to the unemployed — currently, about £13.5 billion.

Giving evidence just before the holiday to the Commons Select Committee on Employment, Mrs Shephard admitted that she had made a "mistake" when, in her previous stint as Employment Secretary, she had estimated the cost of unemployment to be about £8,000 a person.

Pressed by MPs to update the figure, she insisted that such a total was not a government estimate. What she should have said, she acknowledged, was that such figures were those produced by independent bodies on the cost of unemployment, and that the Government *did not endorse them.*

Even so, employment specialists see her earlier statement as a significant and rare pronouncement on the issue by a minister.

The Commons committee will announce its own findings on the cost of unemployment, and related issues, in a report in the new year, before it is wound up as a sole entity after the merger last summer of the Employment and Education departments.

The latest estimates by at least one of the independent bodies to which Mrs Shephard referred have just been produced and suggest that the total cost of unemployment per claimant is a notch under £8,000 — or £23.4 billion to the Exchequer.

The Unemployment Unit, an independent pressure group, says that this is equivalent to 4.6 per cent of GDP, or about two thirds of the current PSBR. The unit says: "Without government borrowing to finance it, the increased cost between 1990-91 and 1995-96 (almost £7 billion annually) would have required raising basic income tax rates from 25 per cent to 30 per cent."

These larger estimates than the Treasury is prepared to countenance consist of direct government expenditure on benefits to unemployed people, and lost revenue from tax and National Insurance contributions and indirect taxes that unemployed people would have paid had they been in work.

Ministers see anything but the first category as wholly speculative, though others, such as the Unemployment Unit, consider a figure based solely on benefit spending to be a wholly inadequate measure of unemployment's real cost.

Even with the larger measure, other possible costs are not taken into account, including reduced output, lost trade and an increase in bad debts, as well as the social impact of unemployment, which results in higher demand on the NHS and social service agencies.

In its estimate, the Unemployment Unit says that the total cost of benefits paid to unemployed people in 1995-96 — unemployment benefit, income support, housing benefit, council tax rebates and payments from the social fund — will be £9.02 billion.

In addition, it estimates that £1.83 billion will be paid in sickness and incapacity benefits to 180,000 people who want work but who, on health grounds, are not required to be available for it.

The cost of administering these benefits will be a further £840 million, and payments plus administration from the government redundancy fund will add a further £210 million.

However, the Unemployment Unit says that this total benefit cost accounts for only about half of the complete cost of unemployment. Taking the total number of unemployed as the 2.4 million out of work, according to the international definition used by the Government's authoritative quarterly Labour Force Survey, together with a further 990,000 identified by the survey as available for work but who have not actively sought a job in the four weeks before it was taken, the Unemployment Unit says that PAYE tax and NI contributions foregone amount to £4.64 billion and £5.33 billion, respectively.

Lost indirect taxes amount to £1.56 billion, the unit says, taking total foregone revenue to £11.5 billion and the total cost of unemployment to the Exchequer to £23.4 billion — or £7,960 per unemployed claimant.

Labour Party leaders see such figures as an accurate measure of how expensive still-high unemployment is to Britain — and how wasteful such government spending is. In the welfare-to-work proposals championed by the party's leader, Tony Blair, Labour argues that greater incentives *to the unemployed to move off* benefit and into work would reduce the sums that the Government spends on welfare and loses in taxes, freeing money for the greater investment that Labour insists is necessary if Britain is to compete successfully with other countries.

Ministers will not accept such charges, and will not accept the figures on which they are based. Although they are aware of work such as that undertaken by the Unemployment Unit, and study it closely, Whitehall officials are dismissive of it.

Even so, relying solely on the Treasury's book figure for benefits is likely to be judged — certainly by most unemployed people — as insufficient, and alternative figures such as those detailed here are likely to form the basis of the argument over the real cost of unemployment for some time to come.

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- do - Accum	143.56	151.99	+ 1.67	0.21
Global Grwth Inc #	27.65	28.66†	+ 0.07	7.07
Managd Mnthly Inc	46.91	49.63	+ 0.13	1.48
- do - Accum	63.71	67.50	+ 0.13	1.48
Int Spec Opps	138.56	146.62	- 0.41	
Pacific Gth	132.58	140.29	- 0.05	0.30
UK General #	84.38	89.30†	+ 0.63	2.88
- do - Accum #	84.38	89.65	+ 0.67	2.88
Japan	61.28	64.85	- 0.45	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	102.22	108.93†	+ 0.66	8.46

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 480 7216

Short (Mdm) Gilt	48.05	50.92	+ 0.16	6.16

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 5060

Envrnmt	169.50	180.30†	+ 0.50	1.01
Uk Growth	191.90	204.70	+ 1.70	2.08
Uk Income	143.10	152.70	+ 1.10	3.30

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
01707 822 100

Can Gen Dpt	218.50	231.70	+ 0.90	1.71
- do - Income Dist	187.60	124.60†	+ 0.80	4.01
- do - Accum	199.90	392.10	+ 1.40	1.01
Gilt & Fxd Int	43.01	44.53	+ 0.24	8.11
Growth Uncs	221.20	247.30	+ 1.00	2.63
Bond	119.40	128.90	+ 1.00	8.14
Int Growth	233.60	248.50	- 0.30	0.22
North American	230.00	244.70	- 0.40	0.26
Far East	188.40	199.60	+ 0.70	0.63
- do - Accum	182.30	193.60	+ 0.70	0.63
Japan & Gen Inc	865.10	914.80		
- do - Accum	167.00	176.60	- 1.30	
Japan Smlr Cos	75.31	79.77	- 0.49	
Utun Tech Inc	99.10	95.81	+ 0.56	
Worldwide	186.30	197.90	+ 0.10	0.55

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0788

Cazenove Portfolio	95.16	101.64	+ 0.19	2.52
American Portfolio	111.56	118.42†	+ 0.13	0.94
European Portfolio	110.86	118.47	+ 0.18	0.49
High Income	52.69	52.71	- 0.29	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	69.90	74.33	- 0.54	
Pacific Portfolio	145.67	156.86†	- 0.52	1.42
Uk Inc & Growth	88.84	95.17	+ 0.39	2.98
Money & Bond	57.77	58.44	+ 0.25	6.58

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0171 588 1815

Inv Fund	720.16	731.04	+ 9.12	4.40
Fixd Int Sec	157.25	157.69	- 0.60	9.05

CORF CHARITY FUNDS
0171 588 1815

Investment Inc	725.20	736.16	+ 8.30	4.33
Investment Acc	531.84	532.42	+ 37.09	
Fixed Int Inc	138.72	131.24	+ 0.66	8.76
Fixed Int Acc	217.48	218.38	+ 1.03	

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 3966

Beckmgn Intl	93.67	98.71		5.01
Beck Bio-Tech	46.68	50.38†	+ 5.10	
Accm Ethical Tst	151.61	175.53†		0.64
City Fin Assets	76.74	80.88		2.07
City Fin America	107.03	112.39		
City Fin Intl	68.04	92.45		0.69
City Fin Japan	153.84	161.56†		
Friars Hse Cap	388.79	313.93		2.33
Friars Hse Inc	292.45	308.34†		4.33
Berkeley Intnl Grth	138.96	147.30		
Fairmns Cap Gth	143.26	150.80†	+ 1.71	
Fairmount Int	154.84	162.99†	+ 0.67	
J Std Inc/Gth Inc	56.61	59.45†	+ 2.36	2.46

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0777 Admin: 01277 227 300

Emerging Markets	54.45	57.77	- 0.08	

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0800 373 393

American Growth	74.25	78.89	- 0.09	
Dragon Growth	68.00	72.72	- 0.60	0.86
Equity High Inc	89.02	94.70†	+ 0.53	3.88
- do - Accum	124.40	132.37	+ 0.73	3.88
Extra Income Inc	27.04	28.77	+ 0.02	7.47
Extra Income Acc	28.14	29.63	+ 0.16	7.11
European Growth	57.99	61.53	+ 0.21	1.07
Evergreen	59.05	31.06	- 0.05	
General Equity	95.86	101.81	- 0.44	2.87
Japan Growth	53.20	56.60	+ 0.01	
Pacific Growth	57.83	61.52	+ 0.36	2.52
Pref Sm Cos Inc	93.69	99.74	+ 0.11	1.58
- do - Accum	35.37	37.63	+ 0.11	1.59
Retirement Inc #	27.34	29.08	+ 0.18	5.65
Special Sits	43.53	45.24	+ 0.18	2.18
UK & Overseas	55.05	58.41	- 0.05	0.66

COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD
01634 696 000

Capital	76.48	79.64	+ 0.27	1.91
Balanced	88.24	89.00	+ 0.34	4.07

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
0181 686 9818

PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Income Funds				
Equity Inc	173.78	184.97	+ 0.59	4.73
Fixed & Convertible	41.66	44.32	+ 0.52	6.56
Monetary Inc Plus	50.18	53.38	+ 0.55	8.29
Performance Shares	41.19	50.20	+ 0.08	7.77
Balanced Funds				
High Yields	132.09	140.52	+ 0.49	5.76
Managed Fund	73.67	78.35	- 0.41	3.80
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	43.57	46.35	+ 0.24	1.75
- do - Accum	50.71	53.95	+ 0.28	1.75
UK & General	89.61	95.33	+ 1.10	2.68
- do - Accum	115.90	123.34	+ 1.42	2.68
UK Growth	169.36	178.11	+ 0.71	2.26
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	202.66	215.60	+ 0.54	0.11
Far Eastern Gwth	130.72	142.26	+ 0.74	
Global Bond	84.28	89.60	+ 0.31	5.89
Japan Growth	119.80	127.45	+ 0.44	
North Amrs Gwth	210.28	223.70	+ 1.73	
Oriental Growth	89.43	95.56	+ 0.86	0.05
Worldwide Growth	71.77	76.35	+ 0.01	0.10

OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)

Deposit Fund	90.52	92.52	+ 0.01	6.01
Homemaker Fund	88.05	93.67	+ 0.18	1.61
Quality Fund	146.38	155.72	+ 1.82	1.96

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 407 5965

Consistent UT	33.27	35.61		3.34

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 356

Growth	170.30	181.20	+ 0.20	1.78
Income	71.68	75.47	+ 0.04	3.78
Eurotrust	95.62	70.16	- 0.02	0.64
Recovery	168.10	178.80	+ 1.00	2.01

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 9494

Equity Dist	912.30	925.50†		3.50

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
01577 690 370

Fellowship Tst	93.81	99.79	+ 0.25	1.50
Income #	266.50	285.80	+ 1.40	4.19
- do - Accum #	688.70	732.60	+ 3.60	4.19
Smaller Cos	198.30	210.80†	- 0.60	0.96
- do - Accum	245.10	260.70†	+ 0.90	0.98
Inv Portfolio	91.59	97.43	+ 0.54	1.54
High Inc Port #	78.27	83.26	+ 0.39	4.28

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
0171 410 0177

Euro Small Cos	1526.20	1564.00†	- 5.40	
Japan Small Cos	1259.50	1253.30†	+ 4.70	
UK Small Cos	1908.10	1998.10	+10.30	
US Small Cos	1939.00	1980.40†	- 7.50	

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
0171 377 6819

Disc Inc	214.90	226.30		3.12

DUREDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0131 315 2500

European Gwth	299.90	317.00	+ 1.40	0.67
New Asia	231.80	236.30	- 0.40	0.24
Japan Growth	312.20	330.80	- 0.60	
Jap Smlr Co	467.70	490.80	- 2.30	
Asian Income	352.90	373.30	+ 0.40	0.78
UK Inc & Gwth	237.70	254.00	+ 2.10	2.79

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
01-242 5777 ISIS

UK Balanced Inc	155.30	165.70†	+ 1.10	1.82
UK Mgd Inc Inc	155.50	176.60†	+ 1.30	4.09
- do - Accum	219.40	233.30†	+ 1.80	4.09
UK Prel S & I Inc	59.89	63.53†	+ 0.31	4.93
Continental Opps	82.80	88.63	+ 0.40	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	60.16	64.00	+ 0.17	0.01
Extra Income Inc	49.30	52.44	+ 0.40	7.80

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0345 080 526

American	153.80	163.20	- 0.20	1.07
Convertibles #	21.27	22.60†	+ 0.07	6.19
Equity Income #	135.40	143.90†	+ 0.80	3.68
Eurofund	53.32	56.54	- 0.16	0.35
Financial	49.56	53.06	- 0.13	1.42
Growth & Inc #	268.30	285.10	+ 2.90	2.70
High Dist #	169.40	180.00	+ 1.10	4.17
International	415.40	441.40	+ 0.40	0.11
Inc Cap Inc	98.74	105.40		2.61
Latin American	26.78	28.43	- 0.19	
Pacific	80.84	85.86	- 0.02	
Prm High Inc	72.84	73.42	- 0.09	7.05
Tokyo	236.60	251.40	- 1.80	
UK Smaller Cos	247.30	262.80	+ 0.50	1.05

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
0171 242 0242

Income	98.74	105.40		2.61
Latin American	26.78	28.43	- 0.19	
Pacific	80.84	85.86	- 0.02	
Prm High Inc	72.84	73.42	- 0.09	7.05
Tokyo	236.60	251.40	- 1.80	
UK Smaller Cos	247.30	262.80	+ 0.50	1.05

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
0171 242 0242

BRI Dollar Inc Dlgc	99.80	106.20	- 2.19	1.52
Exempt Acc	244.54	261.11	+ 0.88	0.68
Income	582.62	619.67	- 1.66	5.19

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 373 7261

Endurance Fd	217.00	230.90	- 1.10	1.20

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
01256 431 480

European	86.94	90.57	+ 0.31	1.96
Ethical Tst	46.55	49.00	+ 0.17	1.37
Far Eastern	306.12	321.18	+ 3.19	3.68
High Income	136.25	143.42	+ 0.38	4.64
Intl Growth	125.47	132.09	+ 0.34	0.61
North American	133.66	140.69	+ 0.12	1.61
Pelican	130.08	136.91	- 0.17	2.31
Smaller Cos	66.21	69.69†	+ 0.05	3.09
Special Sits	68.97	72.61	+ 0.06	3.11
Tst of Inv Tsts	150.37	157.76	+ 0.03	1.79

EVERMORE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 407 5966

Smaller Cos Inc	205.19	218.29	+ 1.30	1.29
Smalls Cos Acc	363.13	386.31	+ 2.30	1.29
Recovery	91.37	94.54†	+ 0.44	1.55
Recovery Acc	92.52	95.87†	+ 0.46	1.55

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
01392 412 144

Capital Growth	87.07	93.37	- 0.05	
Fst of Inv Tsts	98.65	104.85	- 0.08	0.96
High Income #	40.85	43.78	- 0.05	10.51
Warrant	92.37	99.07	- 0.34	
Zero Preference	42.50	44.68†	- 0.05	

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
01273 220 707

Family Asset Tst	81.88	87.10	+ 0.280	3.23
Family Income Tst	45.94	49.94	+ 0.100	6.64
Family Trust	90.72	95.88	- 0.630	2.85
Unicorn Countries	270.30	287.50	+ 1.500	5.05

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
Callfirst: Private Clients: 0800 414 161

Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.00
Bond Funds:				
Gilt & Fxd Int	28.35	28.43†	+ 0.16	7.03
Intl Bond	30.35	31.38	+ 0.05	5.35
Income Funds				
High Income	25.67	26.98	+ 0.17	5.35
Income Plus	122.00	129.80†	+ 1.70	4.08
Amer Eq Inc	56.90	60.30	+ 0.09	1.47
European Income	49.17	49.63	+ 0.11	2.89
Far East Inc	67.15	71.39†	- 0.36	2.31
Global Convertible	24.37	25.89†	+ 0.10	2.98
UK Dm Gnth	28.14	29.93	+ 0.19	2.22
Equity Funds:				
ACEAM	63.20	68.16	- 0.36	
American	301.60	319.40	- 0.30	
Amer Spec Sits	164.40	175.60	- 0.30	
Japan Smaller Cos	36.90	39.37	- 0.15	
Pacific Growth	209.10	222.10	- 0.90	0.05
European Opps	70.12	74.56	+ 0.19	0.15
Global Priv	27.40	29.14	- 0.04	0.77
UK Growth	105.90	113.30	+ 0.30	1.26
Growth & Inc	169.90	171.10	+ 1.00	2.75
Intl PEP	42.91	45.62	+ 0.14	1.08
Japan Spec Sits	92.04	98.04	- 0.04	
Japan	188.50	200.50		
Managed Intl	321.40	341.80		0.44
Money Mkt Opp	60.16	63.97	+ 0.13	
Recovery	58.94	54.17	+ 0.08	1.43
South E Asia	168.80	180.10†	+ 0.10	1.08
Special Sits	597.10	634.90	- 1.70	0.73
Specialist Funds:				
Cash Accum Units	112.38	112.38	- 0.01	6.00

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
0171 814 2700

Enhanced #	143.10	146.00		2.01
Inc Prefio #	89.93	91.52†	+ 0.20	3.37
Cap Prefio	153.10	155.60†	+ 0.30	1.49
General Opps	124.10	125.80		3.45
Growth Inc	34.21	35.01†	+ 0.15	1.32
Private Portfolio	453.60	463.30		1.84

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Enq 0171 454 1454 Dlg 01277 351 010

Exec Smlr Cos	125.10	133.20		0.74
Emrg Asian	153.20	163.90		
High Income	21.80	22.97	+ 0.10	2.80
Int Growth	119.90	128.50	+ 0.50	2.41
Us Income	109.10	116.80†	- 0.80	4.31
US Smalls Cos	377.80	403.30	+ 0.70	0.18

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
0171 407 5965

- do - Inv Tst Inc	77.15	81.13	- 0.15	4.19
Investment Trust	99.54	104.67	- 0.09	
UK Smaller Cos	92.23	96.98	- 0.49	0.98

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
Enq 0171 280 8800 Dealing: 0345 775611

American Growth	71.22	75.93	+ 0.23	
- do - Accum	71.22	75.93	+ 0.23	
Amer Smlr Cos	618.50	661.50	+ 4.70	
- do - Accum	631.80	675.70	+ 4.80	
Capital Tst	338.00	360.60	+ 1.60	1.41
- do - Accum	492.30	523.70	+ 1.50	1.41
Cont Smlr Cos	65.70	69.77	- 0.23	0.60
- do - Accum	58.78	63.07	- 0.25	0.60
Convertible	130.40	138.70†	+ 0.40	5.46
- do - Accum	276.60	294.30†	+ 0.80	5.46
Emerging Markets	63.81	67.96†	- 0.18	
- do - Accum	63.84	68.21	- 0.19	
European	128.70	136.70	+ 0.50	0.38
- do - Accum	135.30	143.30	+ 0.70	0.38
Extra Income	382.00	395.10	+ 2.30	4.02
- do - Accum	505.90	537.40	+ 3.70	4.02
Financial	140.50	160.50	+ 0.80	0.48
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	136.70	169.50†	+ 0.80	0.49

Shares and gilts mark time

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS

High 1995	Low 1995	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2937½	2137½	ABN-AMRO	2925	+58½	4.4	10.9
654	413	Abbey Nat	631	-7	3.8	12.6
368	250	Allied Irish	349	+1	4.1	10.2
303	198	Aus Nzw Z	301	+3	5.3	
4425	2531¼	Bank America	4150	-25		
307½	191½	Bank Scotland	279	-½	2.8	12.3
812½	567½	Barclays	739	-4	3.8	10.1
488	288	Bk of Ireland	468	+1	3.6	9.4
525	418	Cater Allen	426	-2	8.8	7.0
4718¼	2450	Citicorp	4287½	-12½		
340½	216¼	Close Bros	318		3.4	14.1
£162¼	£129¼	Commerzbk	£153¼	+£6¾	3.5	
1375	993¼	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1254½	-21½	0.4	
3231¼	2775	Deutsche Bk	3075	-16¾	2.4	
881½	568¼	Espirito Santo	608¾	+34¾	5.8	8.2
1611	1138¼	Fuji Bank Y	1428	-40½	0.4	
490	395	Gerrard Nat	442	-2	6.4	14.3
253	180	Hambros	200	+1	4.7	
1019	589	HSBC	998	-1	3.5	13.0
994	578	HSBC Hk	974	+1½	3.6	12.7
403	328	Irish Perm	400		3.0	9.2
463	353	Joseph (L)	448		5.2	25.0
145	85	King Shaxson	139	+2½	8.1	10.8
417	217	Lloyds TSB	342½	+4½		
592	479	Nat Aust Bk	581	-2	6.8	
697	454	Nat West	649	-5	4.4	10.1
3000	2150	Ottoman Bank	2500		6.6	3.4
67	44	Rea Brothers	65	-1	1.9	26.0
639½	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	590	+8	3.5	13.1
1478	906½	Schroders	1348	+38	1.3	19.2
1180	823¼	Schroders N/V	1120	-25	1.6	16.0
111	81	Singer & Fried	109		4.2	11.9
625	346	Stand Chart	544	+1	2.1	13.7
121	70	Union	87	-6	4.3	
£145¼	9043¼	Wells Fargo	£137	-100	2.2	
270	211	Westpac	264½	-½	5.1	
295	200	Wintrust	275		5.4	16.5

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
266	143	Ascot Hldgs	263			0.5
731	487	Bass	714		4.0	
472	239	Boddington	472		2.4	24.3
192	137	Burtonwd Brwt	177	+2½	3.8	17.1
191	137	Eldridge P 'A'	191	+5	3.1	
433	336	Faith Sm 'A'	416		2.6	17.8
588	402	Greenalls Gp	588	+8	3.1	
658	468	Greene King	625		2.9	16.6
300	240	Hardy Hanson	299		4.3	
160	150	Heavitree	155		4.5	10.9
3425	3048	Holt J	3106		2.2	16.6
347	219	Mansfield	314		2.1	15.8
321	266	Marston Thmpt	307		3.0	14.5
543	391½	Morland	535		2.8	
8½	6	Paramount	6½		4.4	10.0
703	307	Regent Inns	658		1.3	25.9
2387½	1287½	SA Breweries	2150		1.5	31.8
640	482	Scot & New	612	+1	3.9	16.3
337	330	Scot & New P/P	330			
218	173	Tom Cobleigh	214	+3	1.6	34.7
309	211	Vaux Group	284	+14	4.5	14.9
640	449	Wetherspoon JD	640	+3	1.6	26.0
679	521	Whitbread	669	-1	3.8	16.5
587	483	Wolvrhmptn D	579		3.3	
310	186	Yates Bros	303		1.3	26.8
475	425	Young 'A'	438		4.3	17.7

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
150	125	Abbey	140		4.7	9.1
228	143	Allen	222		3.4	16.5
101	54½	Amec	92	+1	4.1	19.4
275	133	Andrews Sykes	256	+1		
195	137½	Ashtead	173		1.8	17.1
105	30	Avonside	32		12.9	5.1
38	23	Bailey (Ben) Con	25		5.2	6.1
41½	30½	Barcom	35		1.1	
246	158	Barratt Devs	246		3.8	15.3
176	122	Beazer Homes	176		4.2	12.6
266	180	Bellway	252	+1	3.8	12.1
18	15	Bellwinch	18		1.4	9.7
494	315	Berkeley Gp	494	+1	2.0	15.3
185	160	Bell Bros	171	-1	3.9	6.1
245	185	Boot (Henry)	188		4.8	8.8
124	81	Brandon Hire	94	+2	3.0	16.7
40	17	Britannia Gp	23		8.7	4.5
160	28	Br Bldg & Eng	30	-6		
134	93	Bryant	112	+½	5.6	10.2
121	82	CALA	88		4.5	8.5
38	16	Campbell & Arm	17			13.5
64	34	Clarke T	42		12.1	15.1
242½	67	Costain	73			
110	53	Countryside	58		8.2	
61	43	Cuest Nicholson	54½	-1	4.6	7.6
98	70	Cussins	78		6.1	6.8
293	165	Eve Group	168		6.7	8.0
29	13	Galliford	18		6.9	36.6
863	738	Gleeson (MJ)	739		2.5	14.0
86	60	Green (Ernst)	60		10.6	26.1
273	178	Havelock Euro	270		1.5	22.7
158	115	Hewden-Stuart	135	+½	2.6	14.4
93	73	Higgs & Hill	83		3.3	70.5
22	14	Howard Hldgs	15		6.7	17.5
	8½	Jarvis	23½			
148	98	Keller	143		3.4	13.9
274	185	Laing (J)	274	+6	4.1	33.9
106	82	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	104½		7.7	
61	12	Lovell (YJ)	15			
210	176	Maunders (J)	190	+1	3.8	10.1
181	104	McAlpine (A)	148		5.1	16.9
84	48	McCarthy & St	66		3.8	9.2
70	51	Morgan Sindall	82		1.3	
123	116	Morrison Cons	122		4.4	11.9
106	53	Mowlem (J)	59		4.2	28.4
216	162	Persimmon	203		5.8	14.1
114½	76½	Pochins	108		1.9	13.2
126	94	Prowting	111		4.5	14.8
53	13	Raine Ind	17		3.7	
53	45	Second Rahe	49		2.6	9.3
134	93	Redrow	134		2.9	12.4
398	318	Sherriff Hldgs	318		2.7	11.7
112½	71	Shorco	73		6.8	11.2
368	258	Spandex	353		1.8	22.5
178	142	Tay Homes	149		5.9	10.2
130	99	Taylor Woodrw	117	-1	2.4	22.3
568	415	Tilbury Dougls	445		8.3	15.2
59½	28	Tops Hse	31	-1	5.2	13.2
20	6	Trencherwood	11	+1		4.5
20	7½	Try Group	10½		6.0	14.7
109	71	Vibroplant	75	-1	6.8	5.6
116	93	Walnhomes	100		5.6	9.3
60	37	Ward Hldgs	51		3.7	11.4
182	117½	Westbury	173	+½	4.2	12.8
5½	2½	Wiggins	5	+¼		34.4
174	124	Wilson (C)	167		3.4	12.4
372	308	Wilson Bowden	355		3.5	13.0
145	97	Wimpey G	144		4.8	21.0

BUILDING MATERIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
14	7½	Albrighton	12½	+½		
445	311½	Alumasc	400		2.2	17.3
342	267½	BPB Ind	300	+2	3.9	13.9
133	94	Baggeridge Brk	114		3.5	
36	22½	Bardon	32½	+¼	7.6	16.0
78	36	Blockleys	47		1.1	
341	255	Blue Circle	339	-1	4.3	15.4
89	72	Breedon PLC	77		7.8	10.7
136	106	Br Dredging	107		6.5	14.0
490	338	CRH	484	+2	2.1	18.2
46	38	Calebread Rby	38		3.3	
210	140	Cape	140		9.8	10.9
273	173	Caradon	194	-3	6.1	10.0
134½	99½	Caradon pf	107½		8.4	
55	18	Chelfam Gp	19		13.2	
198	105	Dyson (J&J)	178		2.8	14.7
90	63	Dyson 'A'	82		6.1	6.8
98½	56½	Eclipse Blinds	87			
315	220	Epwin	237		4.7	12.8
133	73	Flare	123			
99	85	Gibbs & Dandy	91½		4.4	
205	160	Graham Grp	200½	+1½	3.4	17.5
391	312	Halstead (J)	391		2.7	17.2
325	254	Hepworth	318	+6	5.8	14.7
65	38	Hewetson	39		8.2	8.1
268	202½	Heywd Wlm	240	+7½	7.2	12.4
85	63	Ibstock	68½	-1	3.2	11.3
398	262	Johnston	336	+1	3.9	7.8
108	84	Lilleshall	88		6.9	10.5
139½	105	Marley	111	-1	5.3	9.7
160	123	Marshalls	146	+1	4.3	10.4
393	289	Meyer Intl	386	-1	3.7	14.6
178	113	Newman Tonks	119		7.2	10.7
108	71	Norcros	88	+1		
20	12	Phoenix Timber	17			16.2
207	136½	Pilkington	197	-1	3.0	15.6
177	122	Polypipe	175	+2	1.9	16.3
1119	848½	RMC Gp	987	-8	2.7	13.4
18	3	Rainford	5			
470	322	Redland	384	-1	3.4	11.8
122	88	Rockel	96		5.7	9.9
176½	128	Roberoid	143		5.3	11.6
125	100	Rugby Group	111	+1	4.1	14.3
113	88	Russell (A)	113		2.9	15.5
262	197	SIG	197	-3	3.9	10.9
19	11	SWP	11½			
180	156	Sharpe & Fisher	157		4.0	12.5
43	16	Spring Ram	39		2.4	
130	80	Tarmac	105	-1½	6.5	15.9
160	100	Tilon	103		5.9	
355	285	Travis Perkins	355		3.2	14.9
36	24	Tudor	30		3.1	17.8
68	33	Waterhouse	50			
136	83	Wickes	126		1.9	23.5
455	324	Wolseley	448	+4	2.7	15.1

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2	0½	Anglo Utd	0¾			
110	57	App Holo	98			
7¾	5½	Bailey (CH)	6½			
59	36	Black Arrow	38	-1	10.2	6.6
91	60	Br Bloodstock	90			29.0
6	3	Card Gp	3¾			
9¼	4½	Chemeri	7¾	+¼	2.6	
161	135	Cosalt	144	-1	7.6	
277	215	Filofax	258		1.4	17.7
43	24	Headway	33	+1		30.0
436	248	Hezelock	432	+1	2.8	16.5
168	93	Leigh	100	-1	8.2	11.8
231	102	Nobo Gp	134		5.8	8.8
265	149	Photo-Me	153		4.1	13.4
68	53	Plant & Gen	56		6.0	6.1
11	0½	Redline	1½			
104	73	Shanks & McEwan	89		4.8	18.4
213	160	Sinclair (Wm)	181		5.2	12.3
480	149½	Superscape VR	429			
414	241	Waste Mgt Ind	336	+1		12.7
148	73	Waste Recyc	136	+7	1.1	29.5

CHEMICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
198	146	Albright & Wil	158	+2	4.8	16.5
137	109	Allied Colloids	135		2.4	20.5
245	195	Amber Ind	208		3.4	13.6
73	47	Amberley Gp	69		2.4	19.8
£147¼	£120¼	BASF DM	£144¾	-34¾	3.1	
923½	689	BOC	901	+3	3.7	17.3
303	225	BTP	283	+1	5.2	15.3
£172¼	£141¼	Bayer DM50	£171½	-28½	3.4	
165	103	Blagden	143			
119	67	Brent Chems	89		5.8	18.9
278	200	Br Vita	212	+1	4.7	13.5
239	184	Canning (W)	212		4.6	13.6
489½	352	Courtaulds	408	-1	4.8	18.6
387½	310	Croda	336	+3	3.4	14.7
233	125	Doeflex	208		3.5	13.5
282	234	Ellis & Everard	245	-1	4.3	14.3
107	58	Euro Colour	83		2.9	20.2
224	114	Gibbon	194		4.2	15.2
145	76	Hickson	78		6.7	7.3
£175½	£123¼	Hoechst	£173¼	-71½	3.0	
211½	163	Holliday Chem	164		3.8	11.7
949½	660	ICI	757	+9	4.7	14.5
980	188½	Inspec	330½	+½	1.8	23.1
189	97½	Kalon	111		5.2	12.6
852	589	Laporte	659	+3	4.4	13.5
85	65	MTM	78		2.6	14.0
385	275	Manders	275		5.1	12.4
66	30	Metrotect	37		5.1	13.8
516	382½	Morrecroft	432	+3½	4.7	19.4
426	280	Porvair	351		1.8	25.7
260	188	Scapa	220		3.5	15.7
34	16	Sutcliffe Speakm	27		2.2	33.2
1073½	695¾	Takeda Chem	1028½	+9½	0.9	14.0
258	186	Wardle Hdg	248		3.4	19.0
1058	728	Wolstenholme R	983		3.8	16.7
374	255	Yorks Chem	295		4.2	13.5
240	236	Yule Catto	305		3.0	16.1

DISTRIBUTORS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
107½	86¼	ABI Leis	93		5.8	9.5
595	440	Adam & Harvey	443		5.5	5.8
21	13	Aeeantors	16		5.5	26.3
113	88	Appleyard	98		7.7	10.6
4¾	3¼	Ass Br Eng	3½		2.1	28.5
623	518	BSS Group	523	+3	4.7	15.0
39	31	Bandi	38			
24½	15½	Bearing Power	16½		9.5	
26	18	Bogod 'A'	26		3.4	9.5
403	345	Bcammel	431		3.9	16.6
21	10½	Brtgend Gp	17		1.5	
96	78	Brit Fittings	83	+2	4.8	12.6
370	215	Caliyn	265		5.9	16.9
88	54	Central Mo	75		4.6	20.4
61	35	Cook (DC)	56	+1	3.8	8.2
328½	220	Cowie	288		4.1	12.4
156	125	Dag Motor	126		7.1	10.4
598	503	Dennons El	503		1.9	11.1
501	375½	Diploma	391		4.6	
370	236	Electrocomponents	359	+9	2.1	24.4
295	153	Europ. Elec	260	-1	3.0	18.0
235	64	Eurocastle	69		14.1	4.2
120	82	European Mrt	96	+7	6.8	8.2
449	280	Evans Halshaw	286		6.8	8.9
732	512	Famell Elect	719	+9	1.7	20.9
72	48	Fife Indmar	66		6.2	10.8
24½	15	Gardiner	17		6.0	7.5
37	16	Glencharon	34½		1.1	
108	81	Gowrings	86		3.3	14.3
278	148	Harris (Philip)	217		4.3	13.8
220	142	Headlam	220		2.4	19.3
564	258	Heylys	497		2.5	18.5
137	81	Holders Tech	133		5.6	25.3
163	88	ISA Intl	153		1.3	16.7
430	200	Inchcape	245	-1	7.7	22.2
66	53	Jacks (Wm)	60		1.6	11.4
187	142	Kwik-Fit	167		3.4	14.3
358½	264½	Lex Service	306		5.9	16.2
195	146	Lookers	149		6.4	8.2
22	9	Malaya Gp	11½		5.2	15.5
9¼	5	Middlesex	8¼		0.7	30.1
71	36	Mossfields	41	+1		5.8
534	330	Nortalot	485		1.9	16.7
268	78	Normanton	255		0.9	20.4
156	135	PCT	137		7.0	9.8
283	225	Pendragon	272		3.9	14.2
166	123	Perry Gp	146		6.5	11.0
136	126	Quicks Group	135		5.3	11.5
198	160	REA	185		2.7	22.0
3¼	2¼	Reece	2¾			
73	48	Renzon	56		2.8	11.4
6½	2½	Ross Gp	3½	+½		
63½	37½	SEP Ind	54½		3.7	
17½	8½	Sattre	12			6.8
74½	38	TLS	70		3.3	11.9
266	226	Time Products	247	-1	4.2	14.4
275	151	Vardy (Reg)	273		2.6	17.3
325	240	Wholesale Ftgs	325		4.5	20.3
80	54½	Whitstuart	55½		1.8	13.2
90	56½	Wyko	75		2.1	74.6
118	68	Young (H)	109		4.5	

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
175	116	Adwest	121		8.1	9.7
353	235	Antofagasta	293		1.9	13.8
940	728½	Broken Hill	912	-4	2.6	21.2
348	281	BTR	322	+2	5.4	14.0
582	405	BAT	571	-5	5.0	13.0
270½	144	Benstord Intl	195	+1	1.9	
131	71	Bibby (J)	115		6.2	9.3
51½	48½	Brierley Inv	50½	+½	8.5	2.8
948	743	Charter	841	+1	3.7	13.6
314	185	Cookson	305	+2	3.0	19.4
153	100	Grampian Hdg	130		5.6	14.7
243½	180½	Hanson	192	-½	7.8	10.5
162½	135	Harrisn Crsfld	156		7.3	16.5
389½	200½	Hutch Whamp	388½	+1½	2.0	20.9
584½	341½	Jardine Math	441½	-5½	3.6	8.9
37	26	Jourdan (T)	27		5.8	7.3
182	134	Lonrho	176	-3	3.2	24.3
173	173	McLeod Russell	167		4.8	
44	34	Porter Chadbrn	40			13.6
601	430	Powell Duffryn	443½	-½	7.0	18.2
192	123	Ropner	144		7.2	9.9
178	120	Sime Darby	164		2.9	15.2
230	164	Staveley	196		5.4	13.4
207	148	Suter	166½		7.3	11.1
286	227	TT Group	268	-½	2.7	15.1
289	214	Tomkins	279	+2	3.9	15.5
76	18½	Trafalgar H	27	+3		
295	295	Unigate	295		7.7	
400	315	Wardle Storeys	359	+1	6.0	19.1
308	236	Wassall	262	+7	2.1	14.9
200	162	Whitcroft	199	+2	2.8	14.8
350	298½	Williams Hldg	325	-2	5.3	15.1

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
754½	437½	East Midlands	674	-6	5.5	9.1
978	536	Eastern Grp	973		3.6	13.0
742½	411	London Elect	582	-6	8.7	7.7
[illegible]	441¼	Midlands Elec	766	-3	6.1	9.6
214½	198	National Grid	199½		7.0	9.8
561	421½	National Power	451	+2	4.6	9.3
271	132	Natl Power P/P	154	+1	4.5	9.5
703½	442	Northern Elec	631	+8	6.8	6.4
477	313	Nthn Ireland	435		4.2	9.5
1202	611	Norweb	1025	+5	3.5	10.8
809	457½	PowerGen	534	+2	4.0	9.8
248	176½	PowerGen (P/P)	218	+2	3.9	11.8
379	303	Hydro-Elect	357	+1	5.1	9.7
385½	306	Scottish Power	368	+2	4.9	10.7
532	244½	Seaboard	528		3.4	11.3
945	501½	Sth Wales	942	-1	4.5	8.7
977	548	Southern Elec	912	-4	4.5	11.7
741½	465	Yorkshire Elec	679	-3	6.6	7.3

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
577	292	Acatt	553	-1	1.8	20.1
248	77½	Acorn Comp	239			
856	625	Admiral	818	-10	1.3	21.4
390	195	Alba	380		2.4	18.1
296½	127½	Amstrad	191½	-28	1.6	
41	30	Arlen	35		2.1	12.1
131	77	Astec	114½		1.4	17.8
521	116	Azlan	507		0.8	22.6
354	239	BICC	276		5.7	18.2
290	215	Beales Hunter	220	+1	5.8	11.8
523	423	Blick	466		3.6	
435	284	Bowthorpe	420	+5	2.8	19.2
29	17½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	23½		2.1	9.4
217	117	CML Micro	133		5.7	13.9
39	17	Channel Hldgs	27		6.1	7.6
26½	19	Chloride	23½		1.8	30.0
80	61	Clayhithe	72		5.5	12.0
170	37	Cray Elect	42	+½	4.5	
648	462	Critchley	644		1.9	22.0
600	330	Dania Bs Syst	568	+22	0.4	30.8
533	373	Delta	399	+4	4.9	13.7
565	365	Domino	403		3.1	13.2
72	61	Dowding Mills	64		5.4	17.0
2575	1465	Druck	2575		0.6	33.8
3340½	2400½	Electrolux 'B'	2700	+28½	4.5	4.2
34½	26	Emess	31½		0.4	
1659½	850	Ericsson 'B'	1268½	-6½	3.4	9.0
104	64	Eurocopy	72		4.1	
575	370	Eurotherm	542	+1	1.7	
542	375	Fairey Group	531		1.7	22.3
514	165	Filtronic Com	478	+3	0.2	76.4
690	195	Forward Gp	620		1.4	25.6
100	40	Forward Tech	90		3.5	12.6
359	269	GEC	359	+8	4.0	16.8
171	122	Gaseby	129	+2	6.4	11.8
141	75	Ind Control	108	-1	4.2	21.4
30	14	Intelek	25½		3.7	32.4
320	220	Kenwood App	230		5.5	10.1
107	50	Kode	97			
48	28	LPA Ind	34		6.2	24.2
330	268	MTL Ind	280		2.1	15.6
288	240	Memec-Sn	248		2.6	16.4
53½	30½	Microvitec	49		2.0	16.5
446	231	Mitel	416	+6		
464	315	Oxford Ind	405		1.8	16.0
189	51	Pacer Systems	173		2.4	23.0
112	73	Peak	99		4.3	16.0
3321½	1906½	Philips Lmp Fr	2334½	-35	2.1	9.3
349	302	Pifco	306		3.0	12.9
327	192	Pifco 'A' Vtg	196		3.2	12.2
153	116	Plasmec	141		4.0	11.3
153	96	Pressac	145		3.0	
54	23	Prestwick	38½			15.3
913	243	Psion	780	-3	0.8	33.0
31	15	Quadrant Gp	17		1.8	47.5
295	217	Racal Elect	284	+1	2.4	21.7
83	44	Radamec	79		3.5	17.5
449	301	Rainbird	387	+1½	0.8	21.8
285	202½	Raybeck	268		2.5	13.2
20½	5	Scantronic	9			
61	38	Sevenoaks	61	+2	2.2	16.2
81	28	Soundtracs	32		9.8	9.2
245	163	Stoves	245		2.3	17.1
9½	5	TDS Circuits	6½			
3468½	2468½	TDK	3318½	+6½	0.9	
376	37	Tadpole Tech	75	-2		
160	57	Telemetrix	125		1.2	17.8
102	63	TGI	93		3.8	11.1
1048	342	Telspec	809		0.6	45.2
286	226	Thorpe FW	235		2.1	14.3
184	130	TLG	162		1.9	17.5
32	18	Total Systems	21			21.8
329	227	Turnstall	307		1.8	14.0
587	350	Unitech	487		1.9	17.9
13¾	8	Verity	12½		1.0	19.9
465	368	Volex	434	-4	5.8	15.3
79	16	Wabourne	17	+1		2.4
187	122	Whessoe	159		3.8	

ENGINEERING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
347	167	ABM	297	-1	1.8	
97	47½	APV	74		5.2	
248	87	ASW	87½		9.0	4.2
37	24	Aero Hamble	30			
157	42	Alvis	138	+1	1.8	
178	133	Ash & Lacy	177		4.6	12.2
648	538	Atlas Equip	645		4.3	22.6
153	118	Ayrshire Metal	126		5.5	7.2
102	79	BI Group	101½	+½	5.9	13.0
187	112½	Babcock	141		2.3	
165	122	BMT	133		6.9	12.6
105	77	Baynes (Charles)	98		2.8	17.0
46	23	Beauford	27	+1	2.1	6.3
130	90	Billam	85		7.0	
421	308	Bodycote	412		1.8	21.0
81	33	Booth Inds	40			
21	13½	Bossway	17½		4.5	17.0
157½	118	Bridport	119		4.3	14.9
835	418½	Br Aerospace	790	-2	1.7	28.5
191	144	Br Steel	161	-2½	6.6	4.6
14½	10½	Brooke Tool	11½		1.1	27.2
48	32½	Brunell	35½	+½	1.8	13.8
190	108	Bullough	101	+1	7.5	9.8
123	71	Burnfield	99	+5	3.9	14.3
334	236	Carclo Eng	314		4.1	16.8
194	150	Castings	174		2.6	14.1
168	145	Chamberlin Hill	158		5.7	9.4
395	234	Chemring	380		3.7	
225	130	Clyde Blowers	198		3.6	
470	302	Cobham	466	+2	2.3	28.4
725	505	Cohen (A)	645		1.2	6.0
203	148	Concentric	177½	+8½	4.7	12.4
243	210	Cook (Wm)	221		4.7	9.1
249	185½	David Brown	197		4.5	13.9
133	88	Dobson Park	130		5.0	26.8
417	330	EIS	359		4.5	13.0
115	91	Eliott (B)	107		3.2	11.4
94	71	Expamet	90		2.3	17.0
184	130½	FKI	183	+2	3.7	15.3
157	118½	Fenner	131	+5	3.4	13.8
26	1½	Ferrum	1½			
41	22	Firth Hldgs	37½			21.0
138	77	GEI Intl	120		3.6	11.9
199	117	Gartan Eng	177		4.1	9.8
378	292	Glynwed	321	+½	4.9	12.9
13¾	10½	Graystone	13½		4.8	9.4
95	59	Haden MacLe	83	+1	3.3	21.7
200	133	Hadleigh	182		2.8	11.9
215	135	Hall Eng	177		4.3	
175	133½	Halma	172	+½	1.7	23.0
57	39	Hampson Ind	45		6.2	10.3
37	19	Hay (Norman)	28			
137	100	Hill & Smith	103	-3	7.1	13.0
59	28	Hopkinsons	32	+1	5.1	
53	28	How Gp	35		2.7	
95	66	Howden	68		5.1	8.9
219	162	Hunting	198		6.3	18.6
348½	288	IMI	327½	+3½	4.1	29.8
67	40½	Jenkins & FB	59½		2.1	24.7
614	499	Johnson Matthey	523	+2	3.0	15.2
52½	28	Jones Stroud	46			
605	310	Kalsey Ind	588		5.3	
280	265	Laird	288		3.6	14.2
20	11½	Locker (T) A	20		2.8	15.4
45	29	ML Hldgs	40		4.1	13.1
38	18	MS Intl	36		2.1	
237	137	Mang Bronze	236		2.6	11.7
476	378	McKechnie	399	+2	5.2	11.9
95	61	Meggitt	91		5.4	24.4
126	91½	Metal	114		4.1	18.3
138	96	Metsec	98		4.0	20.7
825	487	Molins	771	-3	2.9	13.4
415	293	Morgan Crucible	384	-1	4.4	16.8
316	178	Morne Ashtyl	270		3.2	14.1
54	32	Neepsend	53½		3.7	11.3
70	41	Neotronics	50		4.2	10.2
41½	12	OMI Intl	14½		6.5	
391	233	Powerscreen	385		2.7	14.3
15½	4	Prospect Inds	4½		18.3	
73	60	Radiom Metal	65			
66	41	Ransomes	63½	+½		
86	61	Record	64		7.0	12.8
407	295½	Renishaw	380		2.1	23.7
291	188	Renold	237	+3	2.8	13.4
58	36	Richard (Leics)	36		7.8	12.5
99	66	Richardson West	79	+1	5.5	13.0
194½	148	Rolls-Royce	186	+1½	3.4	28.7
168	158½	Rotork	168		3.7	16.0
180	143	Rubicon	170	-2	3.9	16.3
114	67	Senior Eng	92½		4.7	32.7
335	263	Servomex	334		2.7	22.6
156	49	Smith-Rive	156	+1	1.2	37.0
800	498	Slabe	795	-4	2.0	21.9
99	67	Simon Eng	75			
177	79	Six Hundred	156	-½	1.8	11.2
1471½	1034½	SKF 'B'	1275	+31½	3.2	11.9
671½	423	Smiths Inds	639	-2	2.8	20.3
612	431	Spirax-Sarco	594		2.5	18.7
293	227	Sterling Ind	291		3.4	14.0
463	328	TI	456	-4	3.4	21.4
102	92	Tinsley (E)	99		7.3	13.4
107	51	Transtect	88		2.0	
184	127	Triplex Lloyd	139		6.3	10.3
18	14	Utd Inds	16		3.9	12.8
15½	5	Verson	11			
283	162	Vickers	256		2.6	20.6
14½	8½	Villiers Grp	12			
734	506	Vinct	701	+7	1.7	17.9
968	722	Vosper Thorny	813		3.3	14.8
516	435	Wagon Ind	436		5.6	12.4
293	199	Weir	213		4.2	17.9
58½	38	Wellman	48½		4.3	10.5
503	390	Whatman	425		3.4	13.6
11½	8½	Whitney	9¼		3.6	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
38	23	AAF Inds	25	-1		
294	153	Airflow Streamt	260		3.8	6.1
48½	41	Armour	42		5.9	12.0
528	440	Avon Rubber	485		4.6	
291	181	BBA	285	+3	2.2	
72¾	49½	BSG	57½	+1	6.9	12.2
13	3½	Benson Group	6¼		2.4	
340	285	Bostrom	300		2.6	16.6
25	17	Boustead	24		5.3	
14	9	Cawdale	12½	+½	2.9	8.1
357	245	ERF	251	+2	2.3	14.6
503	370	First Tech	435		2.7	16.3
830	543	GKN	803		3.6	15.9
3400	2343½	General Mtr	3268½	-68½	2.4	
1347½	846	Honda Motor	1327½	+2½	0.7	
448	304	Laird	387		3.7	14.7
440	345	Loades	425		0.3	
212	163	Lucas	177	+1	4.9	54.0
98	53	Mayflower	92½		2.3	24.1
200	150	Syltone	175		3.5	16.1
197	119	T & N	162		4.6	
378	324	Tinny Hdgs	349	+8	2.7	19.0

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
372	278	AB Food	369	-2	3.0	13.1
270	205	Acatos & Hutch	255	+10	4.5	
56	38	Albert Fisher	48	-1	9.8	11.7
279	195	Banks (S C)	276	+1	4.5	14.0
387	330	Barr (AG)	333	-1	2.9	14.9
40	15	Bensons Crsp	27			
445	335	Booker	358		7.9	18.2
47½	31	Borthwick	34		4.9	24.6
373	191	CPL Aromas	368		1.4	23.0
557	370	Cadbury Schw	529	-3	3.8	19.0
320	239	Carrs Milling	318		3.4	
101	93	Cavaghan	101		2.7	13.4
198	145	Cranswick	195		5.7	12.3
484	377	Dalgety	406	-1	6.8	12.2
67	33½	Daniels S	45		0.3	
367	208	Devro	253		3.6	16.0
106	82	Everest	93		5.4	8.4
20½	3½	Farringford	15½			
78	47	Finlay (James)	61	-3	6.5	24.3
17½	10	Global	16½		4.0	11.4
565	400	Greencore	561		2.8	
133	91	Hazlewood Fds	99	+2	8.5	9.2
201	150	Hillsdown	169	+3	6.8	11.3
31	22½	Hobson	31		3.2	35.6
85	55	JLI Group	62	-1	10.1	10.5
353	305	Linton Park	311		6.0	7.5
123	92	Matthews (B)	95	+1	4.2	9.0
243	211	Nichols (JN)	231	-2	3.4	14.9
221	165	Nornn Foods	171	+1	6.4	
14	8½	Northdown Fs	10½			
230	80	Paccoe's	110			
52½	9	Pauplaten (UK)	9½			
83	60	Perkins Food	69		8.1	9.8
140	73	SeaPerfect	80			
149	84	Senry Farm	149		2.9	11.9
78	32	Sims Food	41		11.4	11.0
479	412	Tate & Lyle	470	-2	4.3	9.9
408	204	Treatt	343		1.9	15.5
440	333	Unigate	413		5.6	14.2
1343	1124	Unilever	1320	+1	3.6	15.9
9203½	7200	Unilever (NV)	8978½	+8½	2.8	13.4
368	250	Utd Biscuits	256	-2	6.5	16.2
44	28	WT Foods	39		11.0	16.5
110	80	Yorkshire Food	80		5.6	9.1

HEALTHCARE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1070	770	Amersham	895	+29	2.4	19.2
102	43	Anagen	74			
207	165	Assoc Nursg	168		2.3	12.9
359	238	Bespak	315		4.0	21.8
510	162	Biocompatibles	475	+2		
81	60	Care UK	79		1.2	
150	71	Celsis	130			
265	198	Community H	250		4.4	12.8
37	28	CrestaCare	28		3.7	9.7
113	15	Enviromed	26		6.7	3.3
88	54	Ferraris Group	73		4.0	
166	110	Goldsborough	133	-1	4.0	
11½	8½	Greenacre	11½		4.1	14.0
833	428	Huntigh Tec	773	+5	1.1	28.6
77	35½	Intercare Gp	60		7.6	
310	235	Isotron	304		2.2	17.5
149	85	Life Sciences	88		8.2	9.7
141	85	Lon Intl	128		1.5	
80	41	Nestor-BNA	79		5.0	17.7
60	8	Premier Health	13			0.8
298	230	Quality Care	280		2.1	13.9
248	118	Scholl	194		4.3	
405	311½	Seton Health	385	+2	2.4	19.2
190	32	Shield Diag	162	+4		
205	152	Smith & Neph	187	-1	3.6	21.6
22	7	Speceleyes	17			0.6
228	181	Takare	182	-1	1.6	12.5
285	234	UniChem	241		3.8	13.6
356	283	West Hlthcare	328		2.1	14.6

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
238	173	Airsprung	193	+3	3.5	10.5
162	98	BLP Group	99		3.9	8.1
47½	29	Bilston Batsn	42			22.3
108	56	Croad Pr 'A'	96	-1	0.8	
170	120	Creighton Nt	125		7.7	8.0
178	141	Denby Group	177		2.5	
145	127	Gestell	138		3.8	10.7
483	343	HMP Intl	460		2.6	13.0
5	2	Lionheart	2¼			
215	186	McBride	197	+1	4.3	19.9
268	157½	Maybourne	256		3.2	14.4
485	365	Osborne & Little	385		3.4	9.9
485	403	Paterson Zch	441		4.3	13.7
420	365	Paterson Zch 'A'	370		5.1	11.5
714	584	Reckitt Colem	711		3.4	16.5
291	236	Relyon	274	+5	2.3	17.5
285	237	Royal Doulton	247		3.9	12.7
216	148	Silentnight	178		5.6	12.0
32½	20	Stoddard	20½		7.5	30.8
210	155	Tomkinson	168		8.6	
130	75	Victoria Carpet	75		3.3	
108	75	Walker Greenbk	82		5.5	15.7
66	51	Winford Wdgwd	62		1.6	20.8
225	156	Wood (Arthur)	175		3.0	13.8

INSURANCE

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1675	1187½	Alex & Alexd	1212½	-25	5.3	
2481¼	1787½	Am Gen	2218½	-18½	3.6	
98	76	Angerstein	89		4.5	28.3
63	51	Archer	52		2.4	
88	64	Bradstock	71		10.7	
755	385	Britannic	755	+6	2.4	
98	84	CLM Insce	94		2.8	
654	473	Com Union	627	-3	5.4	10.0
1660	1085	Dom & Gen	1545		2.7	15.6
194	156½	FBD IE	186		4.0	7.8
164	135	Fenchurch Gp	140		7.9	
107	82	Finsbury Under	105½		2.0	52.8
707	489	Gen Accident	653	-7	5.8	8.7
292	160½	GRE	268	-3	4.8	5.2
97	79	HCG Lloyds	90½		4.4	30.0
249	145	Heath C E	148	-1	11.8	9.3
295½	203½	Hibernian IE	282	+4	3.8	29.6
111	88	Hiscox Select	104		2.6	41.0
373	256	Independent	373	+8½	3.4	8.2
359	178	Irish Life	249		5.4	21.9
138	102½	JIB Group	102½		9.1	12.1
102	97	Kiln Capital	99		5.1	
722	414	Legal & Gen	668	-3	4.2	19.7
2025	1296½	Liberty Life	1990½	+8½	6.8	6.1
182	135½	Lloyd Thomp	167	+3	6.7	10.1
485	317	Lloyds Abbey	449	-4	5.6	13.8
425	293	Londn & Man	407	+5	5.4	16.6
106	92	London Ins Mkt	100		3.6	29.8
185	126	Lowndes Lmbt	132	-1	8.0	7.4
5850	4787½	Marsh McLn	5687½	-50	3.6	
101	79	Masthead	99		3.2	26.4
181	136	Nelson Hurst	146	+1½	6.0	9.3
92	65	New London Cap	89		5.6	29.8
65	35	Octavian	55		6.9	
110	90	Ockham	105		8.2	11.9
122	85	Premium Trust	81½		4.6	18.6
122	85	Premium Under	122			
449	280	Prudential	412½	-4	4.5	17.6
36	13	PWS	20		2.2	
473	341	Refuge	448	+6	3.5	31.1
426	251	Royal	383	-1	4.2	7.4
169	104	Sedgwick	112½	-4½	7.1	9.6
122	33	Steel Burrill	35		28.8	3.5
414	261	Sun Alliance	371	+1	5.4	10.5
94	66	Syndicate Cap	93		3.7	26.8
81	61	Trade Indemnity	78		1.9	32.5
717	458	Utd Friendly	701		3.8	15.1
172	118	Wills Corroon	141	-2	5.9	78.6
24	12	Windsor	15		4.3	

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
447	333	3i	418	-4	2.2	
81	62	Abtrust Emerg	73	-1	0.7	
84	73	Abtrust High Inc	77½		10.0	
230	182	Abtrust N Dawn	213	+½	0.7	
2060	1682	Alliance	2053	-2	3.1	
297	239	American Trust	286	-1	2.4	
490	391	Anglo & O'Seas	489	+2	1.7	
151	106	Baillie Giffrd SN	131½	-1		
215	172	Bankers	214½	+1	2.5	
46½	28¼	Baring Em Eu	38			
364	300	Baring Tribne	363		2.3	
96	84½	Br Assets	92	-½	6.2	
97½	83	Br Empire Sec	94½		1.3	
37½	25	Br Empire Wts	34			
233	194	Br Invt	226		1.9	
101	66	Brazilian	67½	+½		
265½	211	Brunner	262½		2.7	
136	115	BZW Conv	130½	-1	7.5	
508	316	Candover	500		3.1	
53	34½	Central Euro Grth	39½		1.4	
185	144	China & Eastern	172		2.6	
189	161	Coml Asset	178½		2.1	
80	75	Danae Inv Inc	75		13.3	
345	278	Derby Cap	338			
106	148	Derby Inc	156		14.4	
796	617	Dunedin Inc G	700	+1½	4.8	
91	73	Dunedin Japan	87½			
333	296	Dunedin Smlr	315½		3.6	
42	18	Dunedin Wts	27	-½		
801	678	Dunedin Worldw	789	+1	1.5	
109½	82½	Edin Dragon	102½	-½		
42½	21½	Edinburgh Inca	25			
339	281	Edinburgh	327	-1	3.7	
181	127	EFM Japan	164½			
376	301	Electra Invt	363		2.6	
321	180	Elecne Gen	321	+½	2.0	
145	109	English Scot	144			
345	273	European Assets	332		1.9	
199	147½	Fidelity Euro Val	193		0.2	
83	62½	Fidelity Jap Val	75½		0.2	
109	81	Fidelity Spec Val	105		0.6	
175	149	Finsbury 'A'	171½		3.5	
80	62	First Spanish	78		0.4	
338	267	Fleming Amer	286½	-1½	0.7	
74	51½	Fleming Chinese	54½	+1	1.1	
39	20	Fleming Ch Wts	26½			
254	188	Fleming Claver	250		2.9	
357	288½	Fleming Contl	344	+1	1.2	
158	125	Fleming Em Mkts	142½	-1½		
258	199	Fleming Entp	248	-1	2.6	
360	278½	Fleming F East	348	-3	0.6	
402	327	Fleming Fledg	396	-1	0.9	
105	90	Fleming Hi Inc	98½	-½	5.8	
87	53	Fleming Indian	57½		2.6	
46	24	Fleming In Wts	29½			
40	29	Fleming Ind	39		11.9	
269	203	Fleming Japan	263½	+½		
303	252½	Fleming Mercl	285½		3.1	
97	72½	Fleming Nat Res	95			
336	269	Fleming Overs	334	-½	1.7	
164	124	Foreign & Col	160½	-½	1.5	
110	91	For & Col Inc Gwth	107		3.8	
130½	93	Fgn Emg Mkts	104½			
87	67½	Fgn Enterprise	86		1.2	
263	204½	Fgn Eurotst	258	+1	0.8	
135	115	Fgn German	125		0.5	
186	137½	Fgn Pacific	184	-1½	0.9	
139	120	Fgn PEP	135		3.6	
176	153	Fgn Smaller	171½		1.8	
132	90	Fgn US Smlr	131	+½		
24	17½	Fulcrum Cap	18			
46	33	Fulcrum Inc	34			
164	141	Fulcrum Zero	163½	-½		
230	188	Gartmore Brit	219		4.2	
213	174	Gartmore Em	212		2.4	
171	127	Gartmore Euro	171	+1	0.9	
101	84	Gartmore Shdr	89		13.5	
249	207	Gartmore Smlr Cos	244		2.9	
100	64	Geared Inc Inv	87		11.9	
183	138	Genl Cons Cap	171			
113	104	Genl Inc	105		11.1	
105	86	German Inv	99		0.3	
246	182	Gov Asn Sm Cos	214		0.2	
119½	88	Gov Emg Mkt	104½	-½	0.4	
197	135	Govett Am Smlr	191			
89	71	Gov Grth Smlr	84			
86	70	Govett High Inc	72½	-1½	9.7	
381	322	Govett Oriental	378	-1½	0.4	
294	228	Govett Strategic	290	+1	2.9	
443	361	Greenfriar	437		2.0	
19	6	Gresham House	6			
95	90	Guin Fl Er Inc	93			
252	191	GT Japan	246½	-2	0.6	
136	113	H Govett Smlr	128		2.0	
128	113	Hend High	119		6.2	
364	258	Hend Shdr	364		0.5	
134	80	Herald	127		8.5	
106	78	High Income Tt	78		10.3	
107	67½	HTR Jap Smaller	94	-½		
17	12	HSS Ent	15			
119	93	HSS UK Smlr	114		3.1	
146	118	Inv Cap	137		4.8	
121	78	Inv Biotech	101		1.2	
57	20	Inv Wts	34			
99	74	INVESCO Asia	96			
73	51	INVESCO Bhut	61		17.2	
139	88	INVESCO Eng Int	138		0.7	
149	122	INVESCO Korea	133	-2		
61	49	INVESCO Tokyo	58			
99	82	J Fry 2nd Ut	88½	-½	9.5	
94	78	J Fry Euro U	79	-½	7.0	
240	174	JF Fledg Jap	239			
138	99	Jupiter Intl Gm	127		3.3	
251	194	Kleinwort Chd	251	+1½	2.7	
121	96½	Klnwt E Mkt	114			
133	110	Klnwt End	133			
84½	73	Klnwt Euro Pvt	78½	+¼	3.5	
27½	21	Klnwt Euro Wts	22½			
91	74	Klnwt H Inc	78		13.8	
274	213	Klnwt O'seas	272½		1.6	
140	111	Klnwt Smlr	136		2.2	
605½	427½	Korea-Euro	546½	+1½	0.1	
125½	71	Latin American	97	+¼		
995	718	Law Debenture	942		2.8	
102	77	Lloyds Sm Cap	101	+1		
29½	26	Lloyds Sm Div	28½		17.5	
130	102	Lloyds Sm Pkg	127		3.6	
178	160	Lon St Lawrence	173		4.6	
355	283	Lowland	341½		3.7	
1387½	1125	Lydesburg	1225		1.8	
665	503	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	628			
125	110	M&G 2nd Dual In	114			
3073	2533	M&G Dual Cap	3025			
313	210	M&G Dual Inc	228			
31	60	M&G Inc Geared	65½		9.7	
33	26½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cp	32			
37½	31½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	34		18.8	
131	118	M&G Inc Package	131		4.8	
67	54½	M&G Inc Zero Dv	65½	-½		
30½	22½	M&G Rec Cap	23			
61½	47	M&G Rec Geared	47		10.5	
30	24½	M&G Rec Inc	25½		19.9	
142	127	M&G Rec Pacge	138		3.6	
92	73	M&G Rec Zero Div	91½	-½		
122	100	M Currie Euro	114		0.4	
102	93½	M Currie Japan	100½			
152	118	M Currie Pac	143		0.1	
223	182	Majedie	221½	-½	3.2	
57	42	Marakin	43			
286	241	Merchants	284½		5.1	
92½	78½	Mercury Euro Pvt	91½	+½	1.9	
32	27¼	Mercury Eur Wt	25½			
96	78	Mercury World	93		0.9	
31	14	Mercury Wld Wts	17	+½		
577	482	Monks Inv Tst	571		2.0	
164	125	Morg Gren Inc	159½	-½	3.9	
63	40½	Morg Wts	61			
65	48	Morg Lat Amer	58½			
49	20	Morg Wts	21½			
130	104	Murray Ent	112	-1	2.6	
34	17	Murray Ent Wts	18	-2		
92	72½	Murray Emg Eco	82		1.4	
40	18	Murray Em Ec Wt	21½	-½		
85	54	Murray Euro	55½		0.8	
17½	6	Murray Eu Wts	6½			
379	308	Murray Income	377		4.0	
383	296	Murray Intl	380½		4.1	
183	162½	Murray S/C DP	183	-½		
151	126	Murray S/C Cap	141	-1		
81	72	Murray S/C Inc	72		19.8	
3250	2900	Murray S/C Uts	3025		0.5	
460	376	Murray Smlr	436		1.3	
377	308	Murray Vent	360		4.2	
19	11	Newmond	15			
61	53	Nthfrog Inc	59		10.2	
79	61	Nthfrog Cap	65			
392	316	O'seas Inv Tst	380	-1	1.2	
199	156	O'seas Wts	193			
141	90½	Pacific Assets	133		0.3	
95	73½	Perpetual Jap	88½	-½		
398	276	Perpl Uk Sm Co	287		1.0	
£112½	8425	Personal Assets	£112		2.2	
125	103	Pilot Inv	103½	-½	2.3	
113½	87½	Prolific Inc	112½		4.0	
212	164	RIT Cap Ptnr	210		0.9	
36	20½	River Merc Am Cap	25			
105	97	River Merc Am Inc	103		8.5	
11	6½	River Merc Am Wts	3½			
134	114	River Merc Cap	129			
97	77½	River Merc Ex Inc	88	-1	11.1	
16	6	River Merc Ex Inc Wt	6	-1		
85	78	River Merc Grd Inc	83		11.4	
29	25½	River Merc Grd Pfd	26			
112	106	River Merc Tst Inc	106		10.8	
141	112	River Merc Sm Co	136		4.0	
43	20	River Merc Sm Wt	34			
465	394	Robeco	459		3.1	
492	398	Rolinco	475		1.6	
117	103	Schrod Inc Gwth	111			
96	67	Schrod Jap Grth	94½	+½		
861	635½	Schrod Korea	819½	+2½		
298	146	Schrod Medm	284		0.3	
30	21	Schrod Split Cap	21½			
113	100	Schrod Split Inc	101		9.7	
129½	109½	Schrod Split Zero	129½			
122	88	Schrod Uk Grth	118		2.5	
261	200	Scot	259½		2.8	
171	147½	Scot American	163		3.9	
305	216	Scot Asian	295	-1		
815	555	Scot Wts	758			
95	74½	Scot Eastern	94½	-½	2.1	
254	206	Scot Mtge	253		2.2	
97	78½	Scot Nat Tst	92½		10.4	
117	100	Scot Value	110½		2.3	
1864	1483	Second Alliance	1359	+1	3.1	
93	76	Secs Tst of Scot	91½		4.6	
150	124	Selective Asset	144		1.4	
142	123	SHRESCOT	136		5.2	
357	289	St Andrew Inv	349	+1	3.0	
391	318	Temple Bar	381	-½	4.6	
114	90	Tmpltn Asian E	108		0.6	
61	16½	Thong Dual Co	56			
85	69	Throgmorton	76½		3.8	
134	98	Tokon Emg Mkt	125½		0.7	
172	139½	TR City Of Lon	170½	+½	3.9	
202	159	TR Euro Growth	194½	-½	1.1	
175	127	TR Far East	173	-1½	4.4	
133	113	TR High Inc	126		6.3	
119	80	TR Pacific	114	-½	0.2	
31½	26½	TR Property	27½		4.3	
208	177	TR Smlr Cos	203½		2.4	
208	100	TR Tech Inv	185		1.9	
241	175	Tuney Trust	188		1.5	
270	217	USDC Invest	289		2.1	
117	93	Undervalued Ast	112½	-½	1.9	
130	108	Value Inc Tst	124½		4.3	
88	78	Voyageur Ex Sm	78	-1	0.8	
36	30½	Warrants & Val	33½			
66	56	Wigmore	57	-1	1.8	
266½	211½	Witan	264		3.0	
99	77	Yeoman Inc	77		22.2	

LEISURE & HOTELS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
60	25	Abaon Sh H	50			
449	308	Airtours	372		4.8	10.5
44	14½	Alld Leis	42	+1		16.0
153	99	Alpha Airpts	101½		5.8	10.1
61	38	Arcadian	54		1.9	
185	118	BC Group	130		2.9	17.8
168	111	Baldwin	153		3.6	12.3
235	197	Barr & Wall	218		6.3	11.5
394	202	Bluebird Toys	323		3.2	10.5
480	333	Boosey Hwks	478		1.6	26.2
76	42	Brit on the Bar	67		3.1	17.5
3¾	1½	Brent Walker	1¾			
46	33	Burndene	34	+1	7.3	
26½	5½	Cactel Plc	8½		5.9	
363	248	Chrysalis	363		1.0	
97	70½	City Centre Rest	94		2.7	18.2
484	305	Compass Gp	482	+5½	2.0	
288	201	Eurocamp	207		6.4	9.7
250	118	Euro Disney	153	-2		
181	93	Euro Leisure	170			5.1
118½	56	First Choice	67		7.1	
374	262	First Leisure	374	+9	2.4	23.2
956	224½	Forte	329½	-2½	3.8	37.5
175	133	Friendly Hotels	150		4.8	17.6
709	476	Granada	644	+1	2.3	15.4
218	108	Groupe Chez Ger	217		1.4	25.8
38	16	Hi-Tec Sports	31	-1	5.2	
168	95	Hornby	159		3.9	13.7
233½	134	Jurys Hotel	232½		3.3	14.8
26½	14½	Kunick	23½		3.2	
443	264	London Clubs	420	+2	4.2	15.0
187½	122	Ladbroke	150		5.0	45.6
64	29	Magnolia	29		0.4	
213	122	Man Utd	196	+1	2.9	8.2
97½	58	Mansfield Ornd	79½	+½	4.4	17.3
152½	92½	My Kinda Town	125		3.0	12.4
97	66	Northern	89	-1	5.6	10.8
121	70	Pelican Gp	119	+4	1.7	24.6
221	121	PizzaExpress	217		1.3	25.8
141	76	Prism Leisure	135		4.4	10.2
20	5¾	Queens Moat	13¾	+½		
285	217	Ramsdens (R)	245		2.3	28.8
464	358	Rank Org	457	+3	3.8	15.5
37	26	Ryan Hotels E	34		4.7	11.9
1058	845	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1048		0.8	55.3
69½	74½	Stakis	81		2.7	
398	314	Stanley Leisure	357	-2	2.2	16.7
346	280	Tanyong	346		1.0	28.4
1614	997	Thorn EMI	1530		3.0	23.9
236	117	Tottenham Hot	229	-1	1.6	7.5
113	63	Toy Options	94		3.5	
263	161	VCI	263		2.0	18.0
156	100	Vardon	104		1.8	15.6
650	216	Wembley	302			
135	96	Zetters Gp	128		9.8	10.0

MEDIA

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
490	335	Abbott Mead	469		2.1	27.8
310	280	Adscene	268		3.7	14.9
40	22	Aegis Gp	38¼			15.3
7¾	1½	Allied Radio	4			
15	9	BBB Design	15	+4		
315	155	Barbour Index	310		3.6	38.2
10½	4½	Birkdale	8½	+½		
345	315	Bacs (A&C)	325		5.4	12.6
281	174	Blenheim Gp	252	-2	5.1	15.5
254	196	Border TV	249		2.2	20.3
368	335	Bristol	355		4.7	19.3
461	242	BSkyB	407	-2	0.8	46.1
150	126	CIA Gp	133		1.9	26.2
30	22	Caledonian Med	25			
533	343	Capital Radio	530		2.4	
1082	851	Carlton Comm	967	+3	1.9	
100	83	City of Lon	83		7.5	10.5
116	63	Cordiant	91			
1431½	1181½	Daily Mail	1305½	-2½	1.7	
1209½	959½	Daily Mail 'A'	1153½	-3½	1.9	
558	295	Dorling Kind	535	+2	0.9	43.7
574	385	EMAP	529	-2	2.6	20.6
904½	584½	Elsevier	845½	-13	2.6	21.3
1655	930	Euromoney Pbs	1632	+5	5.2	
25½	10	Fitch	23			14.5
508	335	Flextech	474	+2		
240	143	GGT Group	239		2.8	19.4
180	109½	GWR Gp	179		1.6	
203	198	Gearhouse Group	199		2.8	13.0
26	13	Goodhead	19		0.3	
222	150½	Grampian	218		2.7	19.7
302	132	HTV Group	283		1.2	30.2
358	255	Haynes Pub	290		4.1	14.3
50	17	Highbury Hse	22			
290	233	Hodder H Line	262		3.0	15.6
163	137	Home Counts	162	+1	4.2	18.6
348	228	IBC	296		3.5	12.2
13½	6½	Incepta	10½			5.1
398	248	Independent	398		2.7	19.1
135	93	Interurope	100		9.8	
109	136	Johnston Press	144		1.8	17.4
25	15	Lopex	16		3.9	15.4
355	63	MAID	230	-6		
667	529	Meml Books	649		2.5	27.3
133	109	Midland Ind	124		3.4	13.0
189½	120	Mirror Gp	176		2.6	11.5
483	344	More O'Ferrall	457		3.7	19.8
385	231	News Corp	343	-1	0.4	10.2
338	207	News Intl	307		1.3	12.1
35	15	Osprey Comms	21		1.2	
686	539	Pearson	620	-2	3.7	18.1
267½	155	Phonelink	190			
606	523	Portsmth Sundt	580		2.6	14.6
291	210	Quarto	253		3.1	12.8
1050	712	Reed Intl	971	-1	2.9	25.1
631	404	Reuters	585		1.8	24.9
334	222½	Scott Radio	311		2.7	
515	393	Scot TV	479		4.1	31.5
35	20½	SelecTV	30			50.9
41	32	Shandwick	36½		4.5	8.5
65	33	Sleepy Kids	44			23.6
274	222	Southnews	264	+3	2.3	16.3
98	20	Sterling Pub	28			
45	33½	Taylor Nelson	39½		2.2	20.1
453	355	Telegraph	418		3.9	31.3
115	102	Television Cp	110		5.1	
885	725	Thomson Corp	865		5.1	18.3
352	301½	Trinity Intl	340		3.9	13.1
1047	632	Ulster TV	1044		2.7	20.2
571	464	United News	554		5.2	14.5
131	85	VTR	130		4.2	13.4
167	101	WPP	163	+2	0.9	22.5
68	55	Wilmington	67	+1		31.5
702	366	Yorkshire TV	686		1.4	73.4

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
4625	3693½	Ang Am Coal	3912½		3.0	14.6
4196½	2847½	Ang Am	3968½	-31½	2.1	29.3
6487½	4975	Ang Am Gold	5216½	+16½	4.2	14.9
32	22	Anglo Pac Res	25			
40½	17	Arcon Intl	23½			
1600	1100	Ashanti	1293½	+3½	1.9	
117	74	Ashton	88		6.0	
267	133	Balyrchik	267	+13		
622	337½	Beatrix	570½	+1½	3.8	26.3
34	28	Bosch	30		3.0	
117½	78½	Blyvoors	107½	+½		
37	24	Bougainville	28			
18	7½	Bracken	9¼		9.1	
583½	200	Buffels	209½	+½		
4	1½	Butte	2½			
1076	781	CRA	1015	-3	2.8	23.6
135	40	Central Pacific	124	-7		
108	41	Cluff Res	107			
130	25	Coal Invs	[illegible]			
225	115	Cons Murchison	115		5.4	3.1
2043½	1262½	De Beers	1937½	-62½	2.7	21.6
108½	47	Doelkraal	51½	+	1.7	
987½	693½	Driefontein	807½	+2½	3.9	25.5
795½	409½	Durban	514	+1½		
210½	127½	E Rand Gold	168½	+½	13.1	7.6
76½	31½	E Rand Prop	32½			
70	45	Eastern Trans	64		1.8	62.1
450½	371½	Elandsrand	329½	+1	2.9	11.3
415	385	Eng China Cl	314	-2	6.5	15.2
979½	518½	FS Cons	518	+1½	5.3	19.0
62	31	FS Dev	36		3.4	
2087½	1418½	GFSA	2025		1.9	37.5
63	40	GM Kalgoorli	59	-1	2.4	
244½	188½	Gencor	221½	+½	1.6	19.7
155	136	Gold Fields Prop	154		6.9	6.9
19	12½	Greenwich R 'A'	14½			
182½	116½	Grootvlei	140	+½	6.3	17.7
108½	76½	Gwalia Cons	103	-½	0.9	19.9
657½	457½	Harmony	575	+1½	1.2	16.7
296½	155½	Hartbeest	160½	+½	9.2	12.1
1743½	1150	Impala Plat	1243½	-12½	2.5	18.4
132	77	Kidston	86	-2	14.0	7.8
1087½	478½	Kinross	583½	+3½	7.4	7.1
946½	590	Kloof	606½	+1½	4.4	23.0
124½	65	Leslie	87½	+½	11.7	5.7
288	174½	Lorraine	189½	+½		
21	12	Mediashura	14			
113	77	MIM	88	+1		
1925	1250	Minorco	1900		2.2	24.1
181	36	Monarch	84			
165	90	Moneagle	160		2.4	12.2
109	77	NSM	77		8.9	6.9
191	133	Nth Brkn Hill	178		3.0	26.0
108	66	Pancontinental	100	-1		
265	123	Petaling Tin	248	+5	0.8	
182	116	Placer Pac	127		2.3	
548	317	RIB	548		2.8	15.2
957	721	RTZ	941	-2	3.3	13.6
54	24	Rackwood	49		2.6	12.5
743½	543	Rand Mines	543		2.7	37.6
737½	320½	Randfontein	409½	+1½	6.7	21.4
325	175	Renison	315	+5	1.5	13.2
1753½	1068½	Rustenburg	1068½	-9½	3.5	
73	35	St Barbara	39		3.7	9.7
623½	324	St Helena	361½	+1	15.1	5.5
365	207	Sons Gwalia	344	+4	3.5	22.1
60	16	Stream Pacific	27	-3½		
2016½	1353½	Southvaal	1728½	+6½	4.4	22.5
123	36½	Stilfontein	61	+1	20.2	6.2
210½	139½	Unisel	168½	+½	6.8	12.3
5800	3359½	Vaal Reefs	4284½	+12½	3.8	9.4
19	8	Waikle Col Z	11		7.7	3.8
1½	0½	Wales Hall	1¼			
533	473	Walts Blake	520		3.4	17.5
2587½	1653½	Western Deep	2171½	+6½	2.8	11.2
449½	302	Western Mng	416½	-13	1.4	42.6
861½	416½	Winkelh	446½		8.3	8.3
48	30	Zambia Copper	30			
53	28	Zandpan	30		7.6	

OIL & GAS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
62	34	Abbot Group	52			
79½	39½	Aran Energy	77			
56½	41	Aus Oil & Gas	43½			
58	37	Aviva Pet	39			
348	220	Br Borneo	348	-5	2.7	16.3
317½	222½	British Gas	253½	-1½	7.1	17.0
547	392	Br Petroleum	542	-3	3.2	15.7
3	2	Bula Resources	2½			
999	815	Burmah Castrol	937½	-5	4.1	15.3
119	69½	Cairn Energy	117			
280	218	Calor Gp	256	+14	6.1	14.2
61½	36	Clyde Pet	57½	-½	2.3	12.0
14	5¾	Coplex Res	9	-½		
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½			
22½	18	Edin Oil & Gs	21½			12.1
424	329	Enterprise	389	-6	5.0	22.5
280	230	Flogas	235		5.4	10.7
8½	5	Fortune	8			59.0
98	62	Goal Pet	96½		1.9	14.7
42	11	Gt Western Res	11½			
204	129	Hardy O & G	203		0.6	
7½	4½	Intl Tool & Sup	5¼			
226	155	JKX Oil & Gas	160	-2		
186	139	LASMO	174	-8	0.7	
56	33	Lasmo Units	40		25.9	
70½	57	Monument	57½			36.5
2918½	2134½	Norsk Hydro	2678½	+31½	1.6	14.8
50	37	Oceonics	37			
58	38	Oil Search	54			
41½	26½	Pelroz	37½	+1		
29½	22½	Premier	28½	-½		16.3
43	11	Presidio	11			
96	41	Plaxchell Rs	49		1.3	
388	221	Ramco Egy	378		0.3	52.2
453	330	Ranger	410		5.0	
9012½	6865½	Royal Dtch Fl	8998½	+146½	4.0	16.7
4500	3218½	Schlumberger	4434½	-18½	2.2	
49	24	Scott Pickford	29		3.9	19.9
116	72	Seafield	81	+1		42.4
862½	687	Shell	851	-9	4.2	18.9
4337½	3234½	Total	4331½	+78½	3.6	15.3
14½	8½	Villiers Grp	12			
346	221	Woodside	326	+2	1.2	
56	28	XCL	28			

OTHER FINANCIAL

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
101	75	BWD	77	+1	6.8	12.5
78	38	Berry Bch Nbl	40		8.1	11.3
285	148	Botec Inv	355	+3		
158	112	Brewin Dolphin	153		4.9	15.9
720	625	Caledonia	716	-3	3.0	22.2
2400	1900	Camellia	2000		2.3	18.4
22½	13	Carlisle	20	-½	1.6	21.3
217	142	Cattles	214	+3	3.5	18.9
35	16	Chinale	24			
17½	13½	EFG	15½		4.0	3.1
98	61	EFT Group	94	+2	2.4	17.0
775	653	EFM	658	-1	4.6	15.4
186	97	Exco	97	-1½	7.7	4.9
305	161	Gartmore	273½	-½	2.5	23.7
379	220	Govett	231	-1	8.1	3.8
1372	963	Henderson Adm	1143	-2	4.9	23.3
268	162½	Invesco	253½	-½	2.4	17.4
49	41	Investment Co	42	+1	6.8	12.9
234	198	Ivory Sime	229½	+1	4.2	17.0
248½	164½	Jardine Strat	199½	+1½	4.7	6.5
144	85	Johnson Fry	126	-2	4.0	8.8
218	131	Lon Forfaitng	218		5.4	15.5
171	116	Lon Scot Bk	171		3.2	19.9
182	141	Man ED & F	141	-1	8.5	7.2
1353	953	M & G	1249	+4	3.2	
346	224	MAI	304	-½	3.6	15.1
130½	78	MAI 5.8% Cv Prf	113½		6.5	
966	680	MAM	869	-4	4.0	19.2
130	90	Nat Home Loans	105		1.2	3.7
1850	1150	Perpetual	1833	-2	2.7	19.4
852	515	Provident	807	+5	3.9	17.7
330	245	Rathbone Bs	329	+1	3.6	16.9
41½	24½	Rutland Tst	39		4.2	17.0
355	281	S & U	289		5.6	8.5
133	101½	SAP Capital	101½	-8	3.7	19.2
525½	385½	Save Pacific	496½	-3½	2.4	18.6
79	41	Towry Law	42		7.4	
371	302	Transatlantic	344		5.1	23.1
26	3	Two Hldgs	5			
26	17	Western Selects	17½			69.6

PHARMACEUTICALS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2100	425	Brit Biotech	1810			
345	103	Cantab Pharma	340	+2		
614	233½	Celltech	588	+1		
375	92½	Chiroscience	326	+8		
188	31	Cortecs	166			
912½	587	Glaxo Wellcome	905	+1	4.1	20.7
294	162	Medeva	270	-3	1.7	17.4
719	273	Scotia	548			
714	444	Smithkline	704	+2	2.4	20.9
703	416	Smithkline Utst	693	-1	2.4	20.6
1337½	840	Zeneca	1235	+2	2.9	25.2

PRINTING & PAPER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
142	120	AG Holdings	130		5.5	12.0
554	377	API	553		2.3	
290	147½	Arjo Wiggins	165	-1	5.8	7.3
50	31	Ashquay Gp	50			
250	162	Aspen Coms	239		3.0	17.8
426	347	Bemrose	396		4.2	12.7
3471½	1675	Bowater Inc	2268½	-21½		
429	260	Boxmore Intl	420		1.4	19.7
700	474	Br Polythene	648		2.8	14.8
40	21	Br Thornton	22		5.7	7.5
162	112	Bunton Grp	161		2.1	17.1
218	159	Bunzl	198	-2	3.3	13.6
187	137	Capital Inds	173	+1	3.6	12.4
2934½	2046½	Carnaud Md	2912½	+9½	2.0	17.4
314	237	Cropper (James)	288	+1	1.6	19.1
1054	625	De La Rue	650	+1	4.5	13.7
108	52	Delyn Group	92		2.6	12.3
131	93	Dolphin Pack	131		4.5	16.6
100	81	Fairway Group	95		4.9	13.9
352	205	Ferguson Intl	221		7.5	9.7
192	102	Ferry Pick	192		3.9	17.2
206	138	Inveresk	176		4.0	15.7
295	245	Jarvis Porter	279		2.8	14.9
548	381	Low & Bonar	462		3.2	13.9
74	50	MY Holdings	66		3.8	12.9
224	152½	Macfarlane	216	+2	2.0	20.4
332	150	Photobition	324	+1	2.4	21.7
230	163	Plysu	175	-1	5.0	18.8
519	327	REXAM	355	-2	5.0	11.5
461	324	St Ives Gp	456		2.3	18.0
1329½	886	Sappi	972	+2½	0.5	
9½	5½	Seal	7			
305	125	Sidlaw	136		10.9	
339	241	Smith Dwd	274	-3	3.1	10.9
215	148	Smurfit (Jeff)	151		3.1	8.8
99	79	Somic	79		4.7	6.8
261	213	Wace	244		2.9	11.5
236	187	Waddington (J)	207		5.4	12.5
454	350	Watmoughs	454	+2	2.4	19.3
193	131	Wyndeham	184		3.0	16.7

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
93	56	Albert Lnrt	58		8.6	5.3
316	255	Argent	314½	+2½		
90	66	Artesian Ests	69		1.4	
128	103	Ashdn	120		2.6	30.0
258	208	Bilton	208	-1	6.0	14.8
215	131	Binay	151	+3	6.4	9.0
7	7	Bolton Gp	20			
73	43	Bourne End	43		3.3	57.9
204	171	Bradford	204		4.6	18.9
123	96	Brighstone	98		6.0	45.9
436	354½	Br Land	376		2.5	31.5
202	163	Brixton	176	+1	6.0	16.3
106	60½	Burford	105		2.2	28.0
101	92	CLS Hldgs	94		6.7	12.9
172	131	Cap & Regnl	149	+1	1.9	16.1
225	187	Cap Shop Ctrs	216	+1	4.1	25.7
228	153	Cardiff Prop	176		2.1	27.7
29½	11	Cathay Intl	11	-½		
190	143	Chelsfield	175		1.9	38.4
468	422	Chesterfield	436		3.7	19.0
88	55	Chesterton Int	67		5.6	9.4
55	36	City Site Ests	39			9.1
8	5	Clarke Nickolls	7½		3.7	10.6
109	97	Compco	109		3.8	13.8
30	19	Con Rntai	25		2.9	37.9
1205	1160	Daejan	1160		3.4	11.2
7	2½	Dares Estates	3			
95	41	Debenham Tsn	45		9.7	8.3
163	136	Dencora	137		3.4	13.5
315	225	Derwent Hldgs	311		2.1	16.2
195	130	Development Sec	176	+2	1.7	
46	31	Dwyer	38		3.9	
37	26	Elsco	31			17.4
400	250	Estates Agency	400		4.6	
23½	13	Estates Gen	13			
119	82	Evans Of Leeds	107		3.3	16.0
27½	18	Ex-Lands	18		3.0	
69	52	Fecsal Prop	57		4.2	17.5
36½	21	Five Oaks	22½		3.9	10.6
32	16	Fletcher King	19		6.6	
60	41	Folkes Group	59		3.4	7.8
59	34	Folkes Group nv	55		3.6	7.3
499	405	Frogmore	453		5.0	
282	236	Grainger	241		3.4	
198	159	Gt Portland	172		6.4	13.6
161	117½	Greycoat	141	-1	0.5	
43	22	Hambro Cntrywde	43	+3	0.1	
398	310	Hammerson	349	+1	3.6	24.4
332	300	Helical Bar	317		2.6	12.2
28½	22	Hemingway	23½		2.9	16.2
21	7	Herring Baker	10½			
50	26	High-Point	31		2.0	
148½	88½	HK Land	117½	-1½	6.3	13.3
165	153	Jermyn	160		2.0	
2	0½	Kendell	1			
645	545	Land Sect	613	+5	5.1	17.9
326	283	London Indt	284		4.8	15.1
37	36	Lon & Assoct	28½	+1½	3.0	14.9
9	4½	Lon & Metro	5			
107	86	Lon Merch Sect	93	+1½	5.9	20.9
418	358	MEPC	395	+3	6.3	
7½	5½	McInerney A	5½			
185	122	McKay Secs	124		5.2	16.1
80	48	Merivale Mre	67		7.0	9.7
35	25	Moorfield Est	31		4.0	16.8
1250	850	Mountview	1050		3.3	8.8
151	124	Muckow (A&J)	135		6.0	18.4
83	73	ORB	78	+1		
32	23	Olives Prop	25		1.5	22.4
146	125	PSIT	126½		5.3	14.9
318	204	Peel	308		2.2	
178	139	Pillar Propt	143	+½	3.9	39.1
2½	1½	Power Corp	2			
6½	3½	Premier Land	4½			14.9
111	70	RPS Group	110		3.6	14.5
34	17½	Raglan	23		5.4	7.2
38	18	Regalian	21½			24.7
183	100	Rowlinson Secs	143		2.0	11.1
102	88	Rugby Est	89		3.0	7.8
57	40	St Modwen Prp	55		4.1	8.0
68	54	Saville Grdn (J)	54		6.9	12.6
63	42	Savills	54		5.8	9.8
81	67	Scot Metr	71		4.4	11.0
124	86	Shaftesbury	124		1.5	16.5
243	189	Slough Estates	216	+2	4.7	26.3
220	185	Smart (J)	208		5.4	9.9
55	37	Southend Prop	41		8.0	
110	101	Specty Shops	101		7.6	14.1
55	33½	TBIA	53		0.4	20.0
167	123	Tops Ests	123	-1	2.4	31.5
104	85	Town Centre	94		4.3	14.7
101	79	Trafford Park	97		4.3	10.4
66	33	UK Land	64		2.0	7.1
61	40	WSP Group	43		6.1	9.6
219	192	Warner	201		7.1	17.0
235	203	Warnford	204		4.8	16.8
79	63	Wates	65			
35	25	Whitney Mck	28			
66	33	Wood John D	41	+4	6.1	10.2

RETAILERS, FOOD

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
112	64½	ASDA Group	111	+¾	2.6	16.5
369	254½	Argyll	347	+11	4.4	14.9
718	455	Brake Bros	698		1.6	19.8
39	23	Budgens	31		4.4	29.2
18	11½	Coffers	14		4.5	19.7
89½	45	Dairy Farm Intl	58½	+½	6.6	8.5
355	302	Farepak	305		3.2	14.9
56	38	Fitzwilton	50		5.6	21.7
115	95	Fyffes	108		1.9	15.4
205	103	Geest	187	-2	5.4	74.6
1283	1048	Greggs	1153		2.6	15.9
196	142	Iceland Group	151		4.3	9.1
732	494	Kwik Save	504	+1	5.0	9.2
19½	10	Merchant Retail	16½			11.5
170	132	Morrison (W)	141	+4	1.1	14.0
199	126	Nurdin Peack	153		5.7	16.3
128	83	Park Foods	85		4.2	14.7
12	7½	Regina Hlth	12			
479½	363	Sainsbury J	393	+10	3.8	13.1
339	236	Tesco	298½	+1½	3.7	14.2
175	128	Thorntons	141		4.7	16.2
535	358	Watson& Philip	535		3.6	18.8

RETAILERS, GENERAL

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
84	21	Alexon	82½			
244	162	Alders	168	+7	5.4	
615½	324	Argos	593	+4	2.5	25.0
133	63	Ashley (Laura)	133	+3		
251	54	Asprey	250		0.6	34.3
225	159	Austin Reed	159		4.7	9.2
146	123	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	+3	5.8	15.4
124	95	Benalls	97		2.8	10.5
88	38	Bentalls	70½		4.6	40.5
51	30	Blacks Leist	49½		5.7	35.5
194	107	Body Shop	153½	-6½	2.1	9.1
586	465	Boots	585	+4	3.7	16.1
54	18	Brown & Jackson	22			
276	205	Brown (N)	268		2.4	20.4
135½	65	Burton	134½	+1	2.1	35.9
150	90	Canons	113		3.3	19.5
423	235	Carpetright	423		3.1	25.3
219	132	Chorles Intl	211		1.3	35.8
480	353	Church	365	+4	4.7	15.0
115	67	Clinton Cards	113		5.4	14.2
148	84	Clty Cgnls	147		4.8	
813	708	Courts Furnish	750		1.1	21.8
220	183	Crown Eyeg	190	-5	7.2	7.8
391	238	DFS Furniture	391	+4	2.7	23.6
449	186	Dixons Grp	446	-3	2.0	36.9
580	580	Etc (Wimbldn)	580		3.9	36.9
11½	5½	ERA Gp	8½			13.2
161	77	Essex Furnt	107	+2	5.0	
236	147	Etamt	192		4.1	
480	320	Fine Art Devt	411		4.7	12.8
66	37	Fired Earth	66		1.9	23.8
144	81	Flying Flowers	135	+½	2.0	17.6
295	183	French Conn	185			12.0
269½	193	Frost Group	195		4.1	16.4
81	46	Gieves	78		3.2	17.6
229	112	Goldsmiths Gp	222	-5	1.9	20.1
685	508	GUS	681	-2	2.9	17.9
350	179	Hamleys	348		2.8	15.5
79	25	Hampden Grp	79	+1	2.4	15.3
178	125	Hse of Fraser	178	+3	3.9	23.0
83	57	Hughes (T.J)	60		5.5	13.3
168	95	Innovations	136		1.7	68.9
574	229	JJB Sports	571		1.3	36.6
550	373	Kingfisher	541	-3	3.5	18.0
166	100	Kingsbury Grp	164		1.8	23.1
365	208	Liberty	313		2.9	39.2
305	184	Lloyds Chem	259	-1	4.9	9.7
165	108	MFI	161	-½	3.3	21.1
457	371	Marks Spencer	445	+3	2.9	19.2
645	500	Menzies (John)	630	+2	2.6	14.1
620	338	Moss Bros	618		2.8	18.0
469	353	Next	456	+2	2.7	25.1
54	27	OEM	41			
96	34	Olver (G)	56		2.2	62.4
405	243	Oriflame Intl	405		3.5	16.0
93	70	Partridge Fine	70		6.9	9.6
155	47	QS Hldgs	47		13.8	12.3
17½	5½	Rhino Grp	14			
193	113	Rosebys	192		3.2	22.2
120½	95½	Sears	105		4.7	16.7
24	11½	Signet Group	17			
484	321	Smith WH	428	-2	4.6	15.1
950	638	Sothebys	898		1.7	
349	209	Storehouse	332	-1	2.5	29.5
140	112	Stylo	120		4.9	10.3
203	143	T & S Stores	182	-1	4.6	11.5
166	98	Tie Rack	165		2.1	17.3
4½	1	Upton & Southn	2½			
698	424	Vendome	584	+11	2.2	21.2
35	14	WEW Group	16		5.5	9.5
67	35	Wld of Leather	53		3.5	64.1
198	155	Wyevale	198		3.2	17.6

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
566	476½	Allied Domecq	521	+4	5.7	21.0
506	390	Bulmer (HP)	504	+1	3.1	16.8
146	99	Burn Stewart	129	+3	4.8	27.8
467	352	Grand Met	464	+1	4.1	16.0
536	404	Guinness	475	+1	3.7	14.7
445	317	Highland Distill	328	+1	3.0	14.9
217	175	Macallan-Glen	189		0.9	41.9
710	600	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	625		2.2	17.6
681	532	Mathew Clark	677	-3	3.9	
140	61	Mmydwn Wt	118		2.1	
259	129	Taunton Cider	250		3.5	24.4

SUPPORT SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
945	620	ADT	883			
41	22	Alphameric	27		1.2	20.2
74	18	Auto Sec	26½	-2½		8.1
145	101½	BET Ord	125	+3	4.2	12.5
178	128	BNB Res	129	+1	5.6	10.1
293	220	BPP	285		4.4	16.5
199	131	BSM	155	+2	5.3	11.7
9½	0½	Black & Edgg	9			
1150	500	Borland	1062½			
215	105	Brit Data Mgt	121	+1	5.6	27.8
96	59	Brooks Service	80		3.9	17.7
347	298	CMS	328		1.8	17.0
121	75	CRT Gp	115		4.2	18.1
289	138	Capita Group	294		1.5	26.2
100	16	Cardinal Bus	21			
359	277½	Chubb Sec	324		3.0	17.0
94	58½	Corp Services	92		4.1	15.7
61	47	Coutts Cnsltg	47		4.5	
102	65	DCS Gp	75		1.7	14.9
256	204	Davis Service	215		5.1	12.7
370	223	Delphi	370	+8	1.2	45.8
107	66	Dudley Jenkins	99		4.3	15.2
94	28	EW Fact	45		8.3	8.2
183	114	El Data Prc	116	-1	2.3	
403	280	Hays	374	+1	2.3	20.0
229	145	Hogg Robinson	227		4.4	13.9
2031½	1268½	ISS 'B' Dk	1484½	+3½	1.7	13.2
415	152	JBA Hldgs	391		1.1	41.1
279	222	Johnson Clean	258		5.2	14.6
116	80	Kalamazoo	115		4.2	11.5
352	239	Kewill Syst	351		2.4	12.4
27	11	Laser-Scan	16			
387	77	LBMS	285			
503	301	Logica	462		1.7	21.5
107	29	MDIS	41		15.7	9.0
253	180	MMT Compt	246		3.2	15.1
128	54	MR Data Mngt	70	-½	6.4	49.8
478	368	Macro 4	423		6.5	11.5
2140½	1553½	Manpower	1671½	+3½	0.5	
840	553	Micro Focus	565			
183	112	Microgen	179		5.1	15.4
635	305	Misys	570	-3	3.0	16.2
323	197	MITIE Gp	323	+6	1.2	26.5
38	22	Novo Group	35		4.3	11.1
27	15	OIS Intl	25		1.5	
32	18	Orbis	30		2.7	14.6
163	74	P & P	151		2.3	15.3
175	110	Michael Page	168		2.5	18.8
184	106	Parity	175		1.4	21.4
245	138	Pegasus	210		3.0	15.1
110	75	Pennat	84		1.5	49.0
18	15	Proudfoot	26½	-2	9.4	
305	190	RCO	191		10.5	7.6
60½	33	Radius	53	+1	2.7	14.7
202	150	Real Time	177	-1	3.2	11.7
144	98	Reed Executive	105		2.4	12.0
235	142	Reliance Sec	235		3.5	22.1
339	212½	Rentokil	334	-1	1.4	25.8
163	136	Ricardo Group	126		6.2	13.9
399	158	Rolfe & Nolan	369		2.0	40.1
355	132½	Sage Gp	325	-1	0.9	
291	229	Salvesen (C)	263	-1	4.0	13.2
148	79	Sanderson Elect	142		3.3	16.5
17½	11½	Select App	17			30.1
546	380	Serna Gp	536		1.0	25.6
380	238	Serco Gp	368		1.4	28.8
189	80	Shanwd Cmp	185		1.5	
143	65	Sketchley	126		3.5	16.3
22½	11	Standard Pfm	16½			
220	167	Stat-Plus	205		6.1	18.6
890	116	Unipalm	650			
25	11½	Vistec	22½		2.9	
295	235	Warner Howard	235		4.4	11.2

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
415½	340½	BT	349	+3	6.5	12.3
477	350½	Cable Wireless	456	-5	2.5	19.4
209	165½	General Cable	192	+1		
147	112½	NYNEX Cable	113	-1½		
1765	1475	Securicor	1678		0.7	
1130	860	Securicor 'A'	883	+3	0.6	
1058	728	Security Serv	888		1.1	
195	155	TeleWest	155½	-1		
285½	177½	Vodafone	221½	-1½	2.1	27.2

TEXTILES & APPAREL

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	48	Albion	49		6.1	2.6
180	115	Alexdra W	179		4.3	18.6
259	173	Allied Text	230		3.8	13.5
34	26	Automagic	26			6.6
246	172½	Baird (Wm)	174		6.7	12.5
388	229	Black (Peter)	272		2.3	17.4
161	111	Brdport-Gndry	160		2.8	19.2
213	135	Br Mohair	135		9.3	8.4
38	14	Campari	36			
185	61	Chamb Phipps	77		13.5	4.4
342	253	Claremont Gnt	278		4.2	13.4
221	164	Coats Viyella	177	+2	6.1	11.9
512	365	Courtauld Text	368		5.2	10.6
160	113	Dallywel	155		4.8	8.0
129	92½	Dawson	108	+2	3.5	
194	129½	Dewhirst (IJ)	180		2.1	17.2
41	30	Dnkoe Heel	36	+1	4.9	9.1
38	25	Drummond	26½		3.5	8.1
36	13	Elbief	17½			
67	23	Faupel	28	+1	16.7	5.5
470	260	FII	443		4.2	
153	120	Forminster	121		3.6	9.3
27	11	Foster (John)	12			
85	68	French	68	-1	6.7	13.9
103	73	Gent SR	84		3.7	7.6
129	85	Haggas	129		2.9	16.9
18½	7½	Honzoncl	11		3.6	34.2
27	12½	Helene Plc	12½		13.4	5.5
315	213	Hicking Pntcst	315		2.3	17.5
26	12	Hollas	14	+½	5.0	
71	29	Honeysuckle	38		7.1	8.8
133	80	Horace Small	90½			7.3
218	178	Jacques Vert	182		4.6	8.4
79	56	Jerome (S)	75		2.9	7.5
455	327	Jones Stroud	444		2.8	16.5
157	118	Lambert	138		6.4	10.6
367	215	Lamont	248		6.5	9.8
306	241	Leeds	259		3.2	
73	42	Leslie Wise Gp	52		10.2	8.6
84	54	Lyles (S)	55			
29½	23	Mariney	23½		3.5	12.6
10	4½	PEX	7			
210	135	Parkland	197	+1	3.6	8.5
142	102	Pentland	113		3.5	16.3
73	41	Pittards	55		2.8	
74½	58½	Readicut	69½		6.2	16.5
81	61	Resmoni	66		6.4	7.0
56	38	Richards	38		6.7	
56	50	SEET	62	-1		
124	75	Sherwood Gp	105	-1	4.0	12.7
142	92	Stitton	98		4.8	6.5
107	89	Sirdar	93		7.4	25.1
58	41	Stirling Grp	43	+1	6.0	9.4
21	13	Strong & Fisher	17		8.8	17.1
40	18	UK Safety	18		16.4	22.4
186	114	Usher (Frank)	174		7.2	8.8
153	96	Wensum	134		4.1	13.1
335	244	Yorklyde	335		2.8	11.8

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
119	61	Air London	107		4.7	13.2
768½	596	All Nippon Air	660½	-3½	0.3	
320	262	Assoc Br Ports	288	+6	2.8	17.2
546	414	BAA	484	+2	2.7	16.4
484	348	Br Airways	466	+7	3.4	11.6
51	12	Central Tns R	12½			
123	93	Clarkson (H)	106		2.9	17.3
193	153	Clydeport	170		2.6	15.7
214	142	Dart	214		2.9	13.6
324	76½	Eurotunnel Uts	87			
157	131	FirstBus	155	-1	3.7	
85	50	Fisher (James)	85		2.2	17.8
625	405	Forth Ports	565	-5	2.3	18.9
306	156	Go-Ahead	283		2.1	10.5
273	199	Goode Durrant	249	-1	3.6	12.2
139	100	IoM Steam	109		5.0	26.3
548	393	Irish Cont	478		1.0	11.9
70	52	Jacobs	65		2.0	
107	67	Lon O'Seas Frst	82		0.8	16.8
485	358	Mersey Docks	424		3.2	16.2
189	130	NFC	142	-1½	6.4	
422	289	Natl Express	363	+3	3.1	14.3
391	261	Ocean Group	386	+2	4.7	23.6
94	68	Ocean Wilson	87		6.1	3.4
637	456	P & O Dfd	471	-3	8.1	12.5
211	157	P & O 5.5%	161	-4	4.3	
89	55	Seacon	63		4.5	35.8
237	158	Serwsta	228		2.1	31.3
352	196	Stagecoach	352	+12	2.1	20.5
110	79	TNT	85			
713	358	Tibbet & Britn	405	+10	5.0	13.1
241	175	TDG	187		6.4	12.4
128	66	Ugland	67		3.8	11.1
113	77	Utd Carriers	88		7.0	16.7

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price	+/-	Yld %	P/E
611	443	Anglian	604	-3	5.6	9.2
430	285	Mid Kent Hdst	430		3.9	11.6
641	467½	North West	617	+1	5.4	8.0
1175	676	Northumbrian	1173	+4	3.2	9.1
685	475	Severn Trent	682	+4	5.5	8.2
2400	1855	South Staffs	2380		3.8	13.9
555	459	South West	524		6.7	7.3
731	517	Southern	679		5.0	8.3
575	456	Thames	559	+4	5.9	7.6
800	592½	Welsh	761	+1	6.9	9.1
109½	100½	Welsh Cm Prf	108½		9.4	
361	256½	Wessex	346		5.1	7.3
677½	472	Yorkshire	586	-10	6.1	7.7

Source: Finstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

High 1995	Low 1995	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
106[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	100[illegible]†		13.92	
109[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	103[illegible]		14.79	6.01
107¼	102[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	102[illegible]		12.91	6.08
104[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	103¼	-[illegible]	9.69	6.07
101½	97[illegible]	Treas 7% 1997	101¼		6.91	6.15
109[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	107[illegible] †		12.36	6.11
105[illegible]	104[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	104[illegible]		10.03	6.13
104[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	104		8.41	6.16
117[illegible]	114[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	114[illegible]	+[illegible]	13.06	6.23
107[illegible]	102[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	106[illegible]†	+[illegible]	9.14	6.26
102[illegible]	96[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.11	6.34
100[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100		6.75	6.73
117[illegible]	114[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	116[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.99	6.39
124[illegible]	120[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	12.64	6.43
114[illegible]	109[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	114[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.50	6.53
109[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	108[illegible] †	+[illegible]	8.78	6.53
116[illegible]	111[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	116[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.52	6.56
111[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.40	6.63
98[illegible]	89[illegible]	Treas 6% 1999	97[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.12	6.65
112[illegible]	105[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.16	6.75
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
108[illegible]	100[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	108[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.32	6.75
105[illegible]	96[illegible]	Treas 8% 2000	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.61	6.80
124[illegible]	117	Treas 13% 2000	123[illegible]†	+[illegible]	10.49	6.82
113[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.83	6.92
100[illegible]	90[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	100[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.98	6.96
114	103[illegible]	Treas 9¾% 2002	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.57	7.14
104[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.64	7.21
116[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas 10% 2003	116[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.61	7.25
119[illegible]	110[illegible]	Treas 11½% 2001-04	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.66	7.10
83¼	70[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	82[illegible] †	+[illegible]	4.23	6.11
113[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2004	113[illegible]		8.38	7.41
96[illegible]	87[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 2004	95[illegible]		7.05	7.42
108[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2005	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.91	7.42
114[illegible]	103[illegible]	Conv 9½% 2005	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.37	7.47
130[illegible]	119[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	130[illegible]		9.58	7.36
101[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 7½% 2006	100[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.47	7.48
102[illegible]	92[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	102		7.60	7.48
104[illegible]	93[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.72	7.50
124[illegible]	113[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	124[illegible] †	-[illegible]	9.45	7.50
108[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	107[illegible] †	-[illegible]	7.91	7.52
139[illegible]	126[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137[illegible]		9.82	7.36
112¼	101[illegible]	Treas 9% 2008	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.07	7.57
103[illegible]	94	Treas 8% 2009	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.75	7.61
LONGS (over 15 years)						
87[illegible]	79[illegible]	Treas 6¼% 2010	87[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.15	7.69
112[illegible]	101[illegible]	Conv 9% 2011	111[illegible]†	-[illegible]	8.05	7.68
112[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	112[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.03	7.69
82[illegible]	72[illegible]	Treas 5½% 2008-12	82	+[illegible]	6.71	7.41
103[illegible]	93[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	103	-[illegible]	7.77	7.69
101[illegible]	91[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	100[illegible] †	+[illegible]	7.70	7.70
104[illegible]	93[illegible]	Treas 8% 2015	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.75	7.67
111[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	110[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.91	7.73
141[illegible]	127[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	140[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.54	7.78
UNDATED						
45[illegible]	40[illegible]	War Ln 3½%	45[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.72	...
31[illegible]	28[illegible]	Treas 2½%	31[illegible]	...	7.89	
50[illegible]	45[illegible]	Consols 4%	50[illegible] †	+[illegible]	7.86	
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of					10%	5%
215[illegible]	201[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	215[illegible]	+[illegible]	1.40	...
112[illegible]	106[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112[illegible]		1.25	2.46
178½	166[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2001	178[illegible]		2.70	3.29
174[illegible]	161[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2003	174[illegible]		3.00	3.39
115[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115[illegible]		3.04	3.38
183[illegible]	168[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 2006	183[illegible] †		3.16	3.43
166[illegible]	152[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2009	165[illegible]	...	3.24	3.47
173[illegible]	157[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	172[illegible]		3.28	3.49
142[illegible]	129[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	141[illegible]		3.32	3.51
152[illegible]	137[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	151[illegible] †		3.38	3.56
146[illegible]	131[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145[illegible]		3.43	3.58
122[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2024	121[illegible] †		3.43	3.56
120[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	120[illegible] †		3.40	3.57

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A tribute to the German pianist and composer Wilhelm Kempff

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■ THEATRE

Cheek by Jowl brings its new international hit, *The Duchess of Malfi*, to Wyndhams Theatre

Benedict Nightingale on a West End run for Cheek by Jowl's *Duchess of Malfi*

Dramatic restorers at work

When Declan Donnellan and Nick Ormerod were together at Cambridge 20 years ago, they played the villainous Aragonian brothers — gruesome Duke Ferdinand, grisly Cardinal — in an undergraduate revival of Webster's *Duchess of Malfi*.

What they mainly remember now are heavy-piled costumes that had been hired from the RSC after seeing service on the torsos of two famous actors called Williams, Emlyn and Michael. "We wandered around in velvet stabbing each other and thought we were marvellous," Donnellan recalls. "I hope all records of the production have been destroyed."

It hardly needs saying that such lavish period effects are entirely missing from the revival which Donnellan has directed and Ormerod designed for the troupe that the two friends founded back in 1981. Cheek by Jowl is, after all, famous for its simplicity, clarity, directness and lack of pretentious ado. Now, as it breaks its world tour for a four-week stint at Wyndhams, audiences can see a *Malfi* that justifies the company's view of itself as, in Donnellan's words, "picture restorers, stripping away the veneer of sentimental varnish that plays have accrued over the years".

Most directors see the play as a straightforward tussle between absolute good, as personified by the Duchess of Malfi herself, and unrelieved evil, as represented by the brothers who destroy her for making a downmarket marriage. But not Donnellan, not Cheek by Jowl. For him and his company it is *de rigueur* to abandon all preconceptions and "allow a play's world to invent itself". The characters and relationships that have emerged over months spent exploring and changing Malfi are decidedly unconventional.

Anastasia Hille's Duchess is not some passive heroine from another moral universe, but a chip off a block that has clearly been prefabricated by one of those dauntingly heavy fathers who haunt Jacobean drama. She is a proud Aragonian too. Her marriage to her steward, Matthew Macfadyen's Antonio, seems far from straightforwardly happy, and her behaviour to her twin, Scott Handy's Duke Ferdinand, is mostly less compliant than contemptuous.

"I think it's offensive to depict her as merely a victim," says Donnellan. "She's very much part of the world that precipitates the terrible things that happen to her." She is tough; she can be a termagant; she becomes a tragic figure who, in *his* view, outmatches Cleopatra or Lady Macbeth in the depth as well as the extremity of her suffering.

Nor is it only suffering which makes her tragic. As Donnellan sees it, the key factor is her struggle to become a woman rather than a public personage. "That means welcoming humiliation. She has to lose her vanity, shed her self-protective identity, and try to discover who she really is, like Oedipus or King Lear or Richard II. And for her that process is a crucifixion."

This interpretation makes quite a difference to several key moments, not least to the Duchess's most famous line. Robbed of husband, children, freedom, she declares, "I am Duchess of Malfi still," with what usually comes across as majestic defiance. But when I saw Hille in Oxford two months ago, the line sounded more like weary self-disgust. Try as she may, she still cannot shake off the last vestiges of ego and arrogance. "Oh God, I'm the bloody Duchess of Malfi *still*," Donnellan explains. "There's a terrible, terrible despair somewhere there."

> ‘We're trying not to be anecdotal or specifically satirical’

But don't rely on this being precisely Hille's intonation when the production opens on Tuesday night. Don't be too sure that the production's other incongruities, among them a Ferdinand more like a damaged child than a full-grown monster, will be what they were in October. With Cheek by Jowl every production is a work in progress. This is a company that held a rehearsal of *Measure for Measure* on the very last day of a seven-month tour.

There were regular discussions and rehearsals when the company was performing at the Brooklyn Academy of Music earlier this month, and with them came subtle changes. The universe of the play is as dark as ever — "love is completely removed, almost as if a colour has been sucked out of the spectrum" — but the characters seem less aware of the fact. Apparently they now exude a sort of hopeless hope where all was fatalism and misery.

And we should expect the company's observations of New York's street life to have found their way into the production.

"People's eyes not meeting, lunatics talking to themselves," Donnellan says. "You end up joining in and find yourself talking quite loudly to yourself too. There's such a feeling of dislocation in that city."

Donnellan and Ormerod like to leave a final decision on sets and costumes as long as possible, feeling that these should be determined by the ideas and feelings that occur in rehearsal, rather than vice versa. This time they have opted for what they call "20th-century transitional", meaning the suits and long dresses of Edward VII's or George V's era, and are scarcely likely to turn to Jacobean ruffs and doublets for the London run.

The reason they rejected something more brashly up to date (Wall Street? Mayfair casino-country?) was partly because Webster's courtly milieu had naturally led to a certain stiffness of performance, partly because they wanted to discourage audiences from making over-literal, reductive connections: "We're trying to articulate the truth of the heart, not to be anecdotal or specifically satirical." On the other hand, both Donnellan and Ormerod are well aware they cannot control the reactions in the stalls.

When they took *Measure for Measure* on its world tour, they were assured again and again that the hypocrite Angelo was the spitting image of some finance minister or other. It promises to be the same with *Malfi*, for reportedly it has already struck Dublin as having dangerous things to say about the Catholic Church, Rome as a disturbing reminder of Mussolini's Italy, and New York as being an angry, funny but refreshing "feel-bad" play about a society in disintegration. Expect London to wonder if the company is not slyly referring to the current war within the Royal Family: Princess "Malfi" Di versus The Enemy in Calabria's St James's Palace.

"In country after country, people have told us how clever we were to choose such a timely play. But that's because a very rich stew builds up. It's about the supernatural. It's about sex. It's about politics. It's about redemption. It's about spirituality. Webster's characters are everywhere."

● The Duchess of Malfi *opens at Wyndhams (0171-369 1746) on Tuesday night*



Will London see a reference to Princess "Malfi" Di versus The Enemy in Calabria's St James's Palace?

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

A WEEKEND AT THE WIGMORE: The Wigmore plays host to some very fine pianists this weekend, starting with Gerhard Oppitz's *Homage to Wilhelm Kempff*. Barry Douglas then closes his recital series with the Brindisi String Quartet tomorrow, while countertenor *James Bowman joins the King's Consort* for a New Year's Eve concert. Prague's top-flight Wihan Quartet gives a Sunday coffee concert.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tonight and Sat, 7.30pm, Sun, 11.30am and 7.30pm.

NEW YEAR FRIVOLITIES: Jack Stephens's *Magic Show and a* programme from Birmingham Royal Ballet are on offer this afternoon at the Barbican. New Year's fun continues with a performance of Johann Strauss's *Die Fledermaus* tonight and a classical gala tomorrow. Sunday's Viennese evening is sold out. Over at the South Bank, the magic of English National Ballet's *The Nutcracker* continues, along with cabaret from Daniella Carson and Michael Law, and a double-bill Johann Strauss gala on Sunday.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). **South Bank**, SE1 (0171-960 4242).

POP DOUBLE BILL: Manic Street Preachers make their much-anticipated return to the stage tonight, as part of the Stone Roses ongoing tour.
Wembley Arena (0181-900 1234). Returns only

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: It's teddy bear fun time again, with another in the popular series this afternoon. Martin Yates takes over tomorrow, for a **Hallé Orchestra** extravaganza of scenes from *Die Fledermaus* and *The Merry Widow*; Amanda Thane and Lilian Watson are among the soloists.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). Today, 3pm, Sat, 7.30pm

LEEDS: Don't miss another chance to see **Opera North**'s new production of Verdi's *Luisa Miller*: daringly cast, fearlessly staged, with many musical surprises to keep you on the edge of your seat. Director Tim Albery and designer Stewart Laing play the piece in modern dress and there is more remarkable conducting from Paul Daniel. Susannah Glanville takes the title role, with Alan Opie, Arthur Davies, Matthew Best and Clive Bayley.
Grand, New Briggate (0113-245 9351/440971). Sat, 7.15pm.

GLASGOW: Join in the party fun tomorrow as the Orchestra of Scottish Opera and the City of Glasgow Chorus offer up operetta favourites plus a semi-staged party scene from *Fledermaus*.
Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan Street (0141-227 5511). Sat, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: *Westminster Kings and the Medieval Palace of Westminster* (0171-636 1555) .. **Hayward**: Art and Power: Europe under the dictators 1930-1945 (0171-928 3144) .. **National Gallery**: Paintings from National Trust Houses (0171-747 2885) .. **National Portrait Gallery**: Richard and Maria Cosway (0171-306 0055) .. **Royal Academy**: Africa: Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: *William Turnbull: sculpture and paintings* (0171-723 9072) ... **Tate**: Paintings in Tudor and Jacobean England (0171-887 8000) ... **V & A**: Jain Art from India (0171-938 8500) .. **Whitechapel**: Emil Nolde (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **CAIN**: Lord Byron's biblical Mystery: unlike Abel's offering, it never quite catches fire in this revival.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). *Tonight-Tue, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 3pm*

■ **COMPANY**: Adrian Lester, Sheila Gish, Sophie Thompson in an excellent staging of Sondheim's bittersweet musical on marriage, pro and contra.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

☐ **DEAD FUNNY**: Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics *and some of their fans*.
Savoy, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm *and* Sat, 5pm.

☐ **DRACULA**: Christmas return for Phil Willmott's ingenious adaptation of the vampire classic: decadent, erotic, scarey. Late night start designed to screw up the tension by midnight.
BAC, Main House, Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 10pm, Sun, 8pm.

☐ ***THE GLASS MENAGERIE***: *Sam* Mendes's radiant production: Zoë Wanamaker and Claire Skinner play *mother and daughter*; Ben Walden is Tom.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, plus Dec 28 and Jan 4, 3pm

☐ **HYSTERIA**: Henry Goodman plays Freud, with Tim Potter as Salvador Dali, *in Terry Johnson's surreal, double* award-winner. The funniest serious play in London.
Duke of Yorks, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

■ ***THE JUNGLE BOOK***: *Tim Supple's* vigorous, utterly enjoyable adaptation of three Mowgli stories. A refreshing relief from Disney cuteness.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Tonight, 7pm

☐ ***RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET***: A marvellously mad mix of *The Tempest* with *Great Balls of Fire* and other cosmic hits of the 1950s and 1960s.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 5pm *and 8.30pm*

■ **RICHARD II**: Fiona Shaw plays the puppyish king. This daring piece of casting succeeds, as does the whole of Deborah Warner's production.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Tue, 7pm; mat Sat, 1.30pm.

◪ **SOUTH PACIFIC**: Patti Boulaye plays Bloody Mary in Phil Willmott's strong and winning production of the Rodgers & Hammerstein tropical evergreen.
Drill Hall, Chenies Street, WC1 (0171-637 8270). Tue-Sat, and Jan 7 and 14, 7.30pm

◪ **TRAINSPOTTING**: Irving Walsh's blackest of black comedies, set on the *wild side of Edinburgh. Limited London* season after record-breaking tour.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS**: *Jeremy Sinden plays the ebullient Toad* in the now annual return of the National Theatre production. Still delightful.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 6655). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, and daily this week, 2.30pm.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre. **Availability at time of going to press; check box office.**

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ACE VENTURA: WHEN NATURE CALLS** (PG): Overbearing vehicle for *rubber-faced Jim Carrey, down among* African tribes. Director, Steve Oedekerk.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **FOUR ROOMS** (18): Unfunny goings on at a hotel on New Year's eve. Disastrous compendium made by four chic directors, Quentin Tarantino, Robert Rodriguez, Alexandre Rockwell and Allison Anders.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

HEAVY (15): Slow, absorbing American independent film about frustrated lives from writer-director James Mangold. With Pruitt Taylor Vince, Liv Tyler, Deborah Harry.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

THE WHITE BALLOON (U): Simple, moving gem from Iran about a young girl's struggle to buy a goldfish. Director, Jafar Panahi.
Renoir (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

CURRENT

◆ **BABE** (U): Glorious, vivacious family film about a sheep-herding pig, with a cast of talking animals.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0171-437 1234) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **GOLDENEYE** (12): Pierce Brosnan twinkles as the new James Bond. A rip-roaring thriller with a sense of humour, with Sean Bean.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD** (PG): A toy Indian figure comes alive. Restrained and imaginative version of Lynne Reid Banks's children's stories, directed by Frank Oz.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **West End** (01426-915 574)

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER (15): Actors struggle to mount *Hamlet*. Over-manic comedy from Kenneth Branagh, with Michael Maloney, Joan Collins.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

◆ **MURDER IN THE FIRST** (15): Flashy but absorbing Alcatraz drama, with Kevin Bacon, Christian Slater and Gary Oldman. Director, Marc Rocco.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THREE WISHES** (PG): Hobo spreads wisdom in the American suburbs. Dawdling romantic fantasy, with Patrick Swayze and Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

UNSTRUNG HEROES (PG): Diane Keaton directs this eccentric heart-warmer about a boy's charmed life with crazy relatives. With Andie MacDowell.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

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Arts review of 1995: is there any sign of cultural life beyond the National Lottery?

OPERA

Loud and unclear

Hänsel and Gretel
Queen Elizabeth Hall

IF YOU go down to the QEH today, or over the holiday weekend, you're in for a big surprise: Humperdinck's opera is amplified throughout. And very badly amplified too.

If Palace Opera, in collaboration with London Concertante and Finchley Children's Music Group, chooses to distort one of the great 19th-century operas, then that's their business. But I'm surprised at the South Bank Centre lending its name, and suggest — no, demand — that if operas are to be amplified, then this must be prominently stated in all advance publicity, so that those interested in the human voice and orchestral timbre know to stay away.

The weird thing is that it didn't sound at all necessary. Indeed, Philip Guy-Bromley (Father) needed a mute more than a mike: his triple-fortissimo singing and pointlessly hyperactive acting were profoundly tedious. The poor Gretel, Irén Bartók, has a metallic edge to her soprano that was mercilessly exaggerated by the microphones, and the unfortunate Dew Fairy was lent all the charm of an old-fashioned metal alarm clock. The two singers one would like to hear again under normal circumstances were Fiona MacDonald, a warm-toned, pleasingly coltish Hansel, and Yvonne Fontane, who showed real imagination as the Mother.

The staging is enormously pretty in its storybook way — painted flats, pigtails, not a machinegun, a gas oven or an abused child to be seen, cause for celebration in many quarters I daresay. Of actual direction there was precious little sign.

The conductor Jonathan Finney, assistant to the anonymous sound engineer, knew what he wanted and mostly got it from his willing orchestra. He also mostly wanted the right things, only occasionally surrendering to the score's Wagnerian profile and slowing the pace to a *Parsifal*-tread.

"A masterpiece of the first order": Richard Strauss's words were prominently printed in the programme. Indeed it is, which is why I found hearing it traduced in this way deeply depressing.

RODNEY MILNES

Give fun another shot

Pop stars are taking themselves too seriously. What we need in 1996 is some old-fashioned celluloid silliness



CAITLIN MORAN

The news that Madonna is to star in the title role in next year's big film, *Evita*, has caused shock and outrage among — well, if we're being honest, it's caused shock and outrage among those people who seem to be shocked and outraged about everything for a living, but no matter. Some people, anyway.

How — their argument runs — can a pop star ever hope to subsume her personality into a role, and actually *act* Evita, rather than just being Madonna in a new wig? Will she strip? Does Evita storm Argentine Cabinet meetings and do rude things with a bowl of fruit and a weasel? Doesn't this tarnish one of the classic musicals, and make things difficult for struggling, talented actresses the world over?

But people are being outraged for the wrong reasons. The real pity with Madonna's casting in *Evita* is that she's in *Evita*, rather than *Madonna*, which would make a far more interesting film, and have no naggingly familiar musical nonsense from Andrew Lloyd Webber into the bargain.

Think what a fantastic plot it is — small, slightly dumpy girl from New York fast-talks her way to stardom, marries big movie star, he becomes violent, she tries to save marriage, leaves him, becomes an even bigger star, finds no other man to suit her taste, advertises in a newspaper for a sperm-donor to become the father of her child and, presumably, brings up the child with the help of a close circle of gay male friends.

People may say "Well, hang on a minute: what was *In Bed With Madonna* if not a film about Madonna?" No, *In Bed*... was a documentary, and failed to be interesting because, oddly for Madonna, she was too modest: "Oh, just film me in black and white, hanging around a bit. Nothing fancy."

In Bed... should have had at least six set-pieces, with whole tenement blocks bursting into song, and a finale in which the US Government replaced the Statue of Liberty with a Statue of Madonna Grabbing Her Crotch. Instead we got Kevin Costner looking a bit embarrassed, and lots of praying.

Pop stars seem to be reluctant to take part in the celluloid self-canonisation that was commonplace until the late Eighties. Films such as *A Hard Day's Night*, *Abba the Movie*, *Slade In Flames*, *Don't Look Back*, *Rattle and Hum*, *Purple Rain*, and *Head* were all exercises in a self-aggrandisement that was simultaneously self-effacing — what could be more modest than humbly acknowledging your fans' thirst for personal glimpses of their heroes in a variety of spangly costumes?

These days, however, it's all live videos and dull, hour-long interviews; what we need is a sense of the ridiculous in pop again. Sacks of money being spent on sending a band to Hawaii to mooch about a bit with 6,000 extras; car chase scenes in tour-vans; exploding drummers ... you get the idea.

This is what I hope for in 1996: a return of excess and set-pieces and theatre in pop. Blur should film their career history along the lines of *Oliver!*, with Damon Albarn in the role of Oliver, the cockney orphan made good. Blur's spiritual uncle, Ray Davies, would make a splendid Fagin, and Albarn's girlfriend, Justine Frischmann of Elastica, would be a feisty if slightly posh Nancy. The band of raggedy orphans would pick the pockets of rich pop stars from days gone by, filching a chorus here, a solo there, and become hugely successful on the proceeds.

Pulp should remake *Saturday Night Fever*, reset in Sheffield, with Jarvis Cocker reprising John Travolta's role as a working-class boy who lives for the weekends, when he escapes to the nightclub to kung-fu kick and wiggle his fingers in a disturbing way to his heart's content.

And Oasis should look very closely at the possibilities in tying their past in with a 1996 version of *The Godfather*, with family feuds and punch-ups littering the way to winning the affections of the most powerful man in the business, played by Paul Weller, with the whole film retitled *The Modfather*.

Pop stars should not shy away from their duties of providing amusement as well as amazement. Their lifestyles are extreme and surreal — one song can take them from the gutter to the Groucho; their fans know more about them than their mums; and people they've never met would either die for them or punch them in the face, repeatedly, without ever having exchanged a word.

Celluloid can deal with these absurdities far better than an *Unplugged* session or a *Melody Maker* front cover — and, after all, these pop stars have already become myths; and myths have no place in the real world.

JULIAN HERBERT



Madonna: cast as Evita, but her own life would make a better film

Indulge in a Viennese whirl

New year means Vienna waltzes. Daniel Rosenthal on the staging of Strauss concerts in Britain

Britain's orchestras are nearing a familiar point in their performance schedules. If it's new year it must be Vienna waltzes.

From December 31 to January 8, packed concert halls will echo to *The Blue Danube* and extracts from *Die Fledermaus* as the London Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Scottish National Orchestra and numerous others uphold a hugely popular tradition which began in Vienna's Musikverein more than 50 years ago.

John Georgiadis, the former LSO leader, has been as closely involved with that tradition as anyone in the music world. He is about to celebrate his 20th anniversary as conductor of the LSO's Viennese evenings, a landmark whose origin lies in his childhood encounter with Willi Boskovsky, the late Austrian maestro. Boskovsky cemented the fame of the Vienna Philharmonic New Year's Day concerts (established in 1941, and estimated to have a worldwide television audience of 1.2 billion) by conducting every one from 1955 to 1979.

> After 120-odd years, Viennese music still hasn't lost its charm

"My parents met Boskovsky by chance when they were skiing in Austria in 1951 and invited him to get in touch if he was ever in London. Remarkably, he visited our house the following year," recalls Georgiadis, now principal conductor of the Bangkok Symphony Orchestra.

"That was how, aged 13, I first became aware of the new year's concerts, and I came to love Boskovsky's recordings of the Strauss waltzes and polkas, which are still the best ever made."

In 1976, three years after leaving the LSO, Georgiadis decided it was time that English audiences had their own new year extravaganzas. He paid £3,000 to book the Albert Hall for January 1, 1977, and began to put together an ad hoc orchestra. But after he accepted an unexpected invitation to become the LSO's leader for the second time, "it seemed a good idea" to have them perform the new year show instead. The inaugural concert was a hit and the British waltz bandwagon was set rolling.

"The LSO new year shows have become crazier over the years and are a complete joy to conduct. The players enter into the spirit of the music, singing their heads off and hurling polystyrene snowballs in Carl Ziehrer's *Snowballs Waltz*. There's a lot of British humour which I don't think you could get away with in Vienna," Georgiadis says.

His favourite new year was in 1978, when the Albert Hall stalls were cleared for a Viennese ball and the audience waltzed the night away in gowns and tails.

"We played from nine in the evening to one in the morning, with the orchestra working in two-hour shifts. It was an amazing night and it's a tragedy that it's never been repeated. The Albert Hall wasn't really big enough for large-scale waltzing, though. I'd really love to book Earls Court for a huge new year ball."

That idea might tempt the classical promoter Raymond Gubbay, who has watched thousands of concert-goers become caught up in *The Champagne Polka* and *The Radetzky March*. "We've never actually encouraged people to dance in the aisles, but they certainly do a lot of swaying," he says. "If you stand at the back of the Festival Hall during a new year show you can see about 2,500 closet conductors moving in time to the music."

Gubbay began staging Strauss concerts in the 1970s, when he brought Boskovsky to England for a series of sell-out tours. This season he is staging galas by the Johann Strauss and London Concert orchestras, complete with dancers in Viennese costume.

Gubbay believes there is "definitely an air of nostalgia and escapism about these shows. People want to transpose themselves to 1870s Vienna, twirling around the ballroom of a gorgeous palace and forgetting the nasty side of life. We like to imagine that everything was better then, that everyone was an aristocrat.

"Waltzes and polkas are very uplifting. They were written for the public ballrooms of Vienna, where people went to lose themselves. Today, the waltz offers people relief from the problems of the modern world. In that sense, a Viennese gala is not all that different from a Broadway musical.

"One thing I've learnt in this business is that public taste never remains the same for too long. But, after 120-odd years, Viennese music still hasn't lost its charm. I think we'll be selling out new year Strauss concerts in 2015."

The last waltz, it seems, remains a long way off.

Swaggering, not staggering

NEW ALBUMS

THIN LIZZY
Wild One — The Very Best Of Thin Lizzy
(Vertigo 528 113)
THE best rock'n'roll requires a certain swagger, and Thin Lizzy's frontman Phil Lynott, who died ten years ago next week, had it in spades. The band's trademark song, *The Boys Are Back In Town*, is a romping celebration of rough, masculine bonhomie and on hits such as *Dancin' In The Moonlight* and *Don't Believe A Word*, Lynott combines a distinctively Irish romantic streak with a roguish sense of humour.

Where Lynott went astray on record, as in his short and over-stimulated life, was when he let his machismo get the better of him. "Hey you! Good-looking female, come here," he ad libs with an imperious leer during the fade of *Jailbreak*.

This uncomfortable mixture of the cool and the crass is typical of *Wild One*, a new compilation which collects together all of Thin Lizzy's best-known tracks together with a couple of Gary Moore hits, *Out In The Fields* and *Parisienne Walkways*. Although a perfectly serviceable introduction to the band, there are no new or previously unreleased recordings to tempt the converted, and despite clocking in at a generous 77 minutes, there is a rather slapdash feel to the package as a whole. The liner notes include a brief summary of the group's career, but even basic information — such as which albums the tracks are selected from or which musicians are playing on different songs — is not supplied.

G. LOVE & SPECIAL SAUCE
Coast To Coast Motel
(OKeh/Epic EPC 480979)
ALTHOUGH nothing like as frantic as the Jon Spencer Blues Explosion, G. Love & Special Sauce is another young trio with a similar mission: to bend a love of the blues into music that is new, exciting and not quite in tune.

It's a mighty long way from the Tam O Shanter bar in Boston, where G. Love & Special Sauce convened nearly three years ago, to the studios of New Orleans where they recorded their second album, *Coast To Coast Motel*, earlier this year. But drummer Jeffrey Clemens and bassist Jimmy Prescott handle the heavily syncopated rhythms of *Soda Pop* and *Leaving The City* as if to the manner born, while G. Love sings and plays guitar and harmonica on *Kiss And Tell* and *Small Fish* with the ramshackle fervour of a Deep Southern backwoodsman.

It's a glorious sound and when the loose, swinging horns of the Rebirth Brass Band get in on the act during *Bye Bye Baby*, you can almost smell the Creole cooking wafting past on the pavements outside.

VARIOUS ARTISTS
Message To Love — The Isle Of Wight Festival 1970
(Essential/Castle Communications EDF CD 327; two discs)
THE Isle Of Wight Festival in 1970 was Britain's duty-free version of Woodstock. It turned out to be the last great gathering of the hippie clans before death (Hendrix, Joplin, Morrison) and Gary Glitter conspired to foil the quest for drug-induced peace on Earth and the perfect guitar solo.

As this previously unreleased soundtrack to the film of the event suggests, the hippie dream was by now unravelling fast. We hear that Tiny Tim will not even tune up his ukelele until he has been paid (yes, Tiny Tim!), while Joni Mitchell berates the crowd for "acting like tourists" before tart versions of *Big Yellow Taxi* and *Woodstock*. A fire breaks out on stage during a desultory performance by Jimi Hendrix, prompting the terrifyingly blasé announcement "Are there any firemen anywhere in the area that could help?"

Musically, it was obviously an awkward period for rock, a time when Ten Years After are applauded for playing a 12-minute track called (in part) *Extension On One Chord* and the big excitement is the debut live performance by Emerson Lake and Palmer. Old folkies such as Joan Baez, Donovan and Leonard Cohen rub shoulders somewhat uncomfortably with rock 'n' roll firebrands such as the Doors, the Who and Free, but it is the much-maligned Jethro Tull who pull out the best performance, a belting, tightly-scripted version of *My Sunday Feeling* that puts the indulgent jamming of the other rock heavyweights to shame.

It makes a sad, if fitting epitaph, to one of the great eras of pop.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Robson & Jerome	Robson & Jerome (RCA)
2	(What's The Story) Morning Glory?	Oasis (Creation)
3	Made In Heaven	Queen (Parlophone)
4	History	Michael Jackson (Epic)
5	Different Class	Pulp (Island)
6	Life	Simply Red (eastwest)
7	Said And Done	Boyzone (Polydor)
8	Something To Remember	Madonna (Maverick)
9	The Colour Of My Love	Celine Dion (Epic)
10	The Memory Of Trees	Enya (WEA)

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Law Report December 29 1995 Court of Appeal

Specific performance granted to keep shop open

Co-Operative Insurance Society Ltd v Argyll Stores (Holdings) Ltd

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Millett

[Judgment December 21]

Although the practice of the courts was not to enforce a "keep open" covenant in a lease relating to retail premises, where the circumstances showed that damages were an inadequate remedy for breach of the covenant the court would grant an order for specific performance.

The Court of Appeal so held, Lord Justice Millett dissenting, in a reserved judgment when it allowed the appeal of the plaintiff, Co-Operative Insurance Society Ltd, against the judgment of Judge Maddocks, QC, sitting as Manchester as an additional judge of the Chancery Division, on July 31 giving summary judgment for the plaintiffs for damages to be assessed but refusing an order for specific performance against the defendants, Argyll Stores (Holdings) Ltd, requiring them to keep open one of their Safeway supermarkets for the remainder of the term of a lease, which was for 35 years from August 1979 and the current rent was £140,000 a year. The court made an order for specific performance of the remainder of the lease, suspended until March 4, 1996, with liberty to the parties to apply. Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was refused.

The keep open covenant provided that the tenant "... keep the demised premises open for retail trade during the usual hours of business in the locality and the display windows properly dressed in a suitable manner, in keeping with a good class parade of shops..."

Mr Peter W. Smith, QC and Mr Paul Chaisty for the plaintiff; Mr Jonathan Gaunt, QC and Mr Martin Seaward for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the property comprised 30 per cent of the total letting area of the Hillsborough Shopping Centre, Sheffield; it was the anchor unit in the centre and played a key role.

It was open for trading until May 1995 but in its last trading year made a loss of £70,300. The defendants decided to sell it, together with 26 of their other supermarkets, well knowing of the keep open covenant.

The plaintiff landlord wrote asking the defendant to keep the supermarket open for trading until an assignee could be found, offering the prospect of a temporary rent concession. There was no response, the shop was stripped out on May 19 and would cost £1 million to reinstate.

In the application for summary judgment the plaintiff expressed willingness to consent to suspension for three months of any order made to allow a prospective assignment to Kwiksave to be concluded. Their anxiety was to prevent a prolonged closure as that would have a disturbing effect on the whole centre, would lead to fewer customers coming to the centre with resultant reduction in the level of rents at renewal.

The judge, citing *Braddon Towers Ltd v International Stores Ltd* ([1987] 1 EGLR 209), said that damages rather than an injunction or specific performance was usually the appropriate remedy for breach of a keep open covenant, that difficulty of supervision was a useful and sensible test to apply, that the court could not enforce such a requirement without in effect imposing some form of slavery, and if it ordered the store to be re-opened it could not dictate the quality or scale of the business.

His Lordship said that Mr Justice Slade in the *Braddon Towers* case felicitously expressed the state of authority in 1979, which had not changed materially since. Counsel in that case said that the reason for the court's reluctance to grant an injunction was due (i) to the court's unwillingness to supervise the doing of continuous successive acts and (ii) to the fact that the terms of a mandatory injunction had to be clear and definite.

In the present case the terms of the covenant were quite intelligible to the defendant while carrying on business there. By reference to that standard and without descending to excessive detail the court would be well able to tell the defendant what was expected of it.

If the premises were to be run as a business, it could not be in the defendant's interest to run it half-heartedly or inefficiently, still less in a way that involved the plaintiff in continual recourse to the courts.

In *Shiloh Spinners v Harding* ([1973] AC 691, 724) Lord Wilberforce stated the modern position: "Where it is necessary, and ... right, to move away from some nineteenth century authorities, is to reject as a reason against granting relief, the impossibility for the courts to supervise the doing of work".

The House of Lords was in effect adopting the view of Mr Justice Megarry in *C. H. Giles & Co Ltd v Morris* ([1972] 1 WLR 307) that the so-called rule that contracts involving the continuous performance of services would not be specifically enforced was plainly not absolute and without exception.

Mr Justice Slade in *Braddon Towers* also referred to the forceful judgment of Sir James Bacon, Vice-Chancellor, in *Greene v West Cheshire Railway Co* ((1871) 13 Eq 44) in which specific performance was ordered of an agreement to construct and maintain a siding alongside a railway line upon land belonging to the plaintiffs, and the court rejected an argument that a court of equity should refrain from granting relief and leave it to the plaintiffs to recover damages at law.

Mr Justice Slade in *Braddon Towers*, while not doubting the settled and invariable practice of the court never to grant mandatory injunctions requiring persons to carry on business, had said (at pp213-214):

"The rationale which lies behind the ... practice may perhaps need rethinking, at least in relation to those cases where it would be possible to define with sufficient certainty the obligations of the person enjoined to carry on a business."

The trial judge awarded the plaintiff in the present case damages; he thought that a vastly disproportionate amount of costs would be incurred if the shop was ordered to be re-opened; while acknowledging assessment of damages might be difficult, he said it was a task the court could readily carry out.

The judge's approach was conditioned by his belief in a settled practice. If such an exercise of discretion was always to be treated as unexceptionable, the court could never interfere to correct the practice.

Because the judge showed an unwarrantable reluctance to order specific performance, the court should intervene and exercise the discretion afresh, unfettered by shibboleths which would otherwise continue to be unthinkingly applied.

In his Lordship's judgment, the present was a proper case to grant specific performance. If the court were to follow the usual practice, the result in practice would be that the common form of words of the covenant would hardly, if ever, be construed as meaning what they say.

If the parties wanted to contract that a failure to keep open would sound only in damages, they were quite at liberty to do so.

But where a responsible and substantial company as the defendant had undertaken to keep one of its shops open for a stipulated period, his Lordship did not see any reason why it should not be held to its bargain.

That in recessionary times might entail trading at a loss; but it by no means entailed it was obliged to do so for the duration of the lease: provision was made for assignment with the plaintiff landlord's consent, and that might provide the defendant with an escape.

The stripping out of the shop was the defendant's own idea and made at its peril; it had only itself or its legal advisers to blame for having done so precipitately.

The plaintiff would have considerable difficulty in trying to prove its loss; an award of damages would be unlikely to compensate it fully. And the losses of the other tenants of the centre would be irrecoverable, except in so far as they might be unbridled by reduced rents.

The defendant had acted with unmitigated commercial cynicism, preferring to resist a claim for damages rather than keep an unambiguous promise.

There was no reason why the court's willingness to grant specific performance should not be affected by a sense of fair dealing.

Lord Justice Roch delivered a concurring judgment.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT, dissenting, and after reviewing the relevant authorities, said that there was a fundamental objection to an order of specific performance. If granted for any length of time or for an indefinite period it was oppressive.

To compel a defendant for an indefinite period to carry on a business which he considered was not viable, or which for his own commercial reasons he had decided to close down, was to expose him to potentially large unquantifiable losses which might be out of all proportion to the loss which his breach of contract had caused to the plaintiff.

English law had adopted a pragmatic approach in resolving the dispute that arose in the present case: equitable relief was discretionary and exceptional. Courts of equity had never enforced the performance of all contracts, whatever their nature.

The leading principle was usually said to be that equitable relief was not available where damages were an adequate remedy. In his Lordship's view, it would be more accurate to say that equitable relief would be granted where it was appropriate and not otherwise; and that where damages were an adequate remedy it was inappropriate to grant equitable relief.

That was not the only test of appropriateness. It was always necessary to consider the consequence to the defendant of granting such relief as well as that to the plaintiff of leaving him to his damages remedy.

Equitable remedies were instruments of justice; they should be refused where they would be potential instruments of oppression. In the present case, if the defendant was unable to find a purchaser willing to take on the lease, with 19 years to run, and the obligation of operating the premises as a supermarket, specific performance would have the effect of compelling it to continue to operate a supermarket on the site regardless of the financial consequences.

Even if a purchaser was found, he would in turn be amenable to a similar order if he should find that the business could not be carried on at a profit. Any order would, therefore, have an effective duration of 19 years.

Such orders did not issue simply because the defendant had deliberately committed a breach of a negative undertaking and in the face of the plaintiff's protests. They would be refused where the injury to the plaintiff was small and the grant of an injunction would cause disproportionate loss to the defendant.

That was not the present case: the injury to the plaintiff was substantial and difficult, although not impossible, to assess, but the potential loss to the defendant was enormous, unquantifiable and out of all proportion to any uncompensatable loss the plaintiff might sustain.

Was a party to be driven into bankruptcy? The court could not know what would be the consequences of its own order. The courts had never before made such an order, and, in his Lordship's opinion, their reluctance to do so was well founded.

If courts were willing to compel performance, his Lordship did not see how any tenant properly advised could safely enter into such a covenant.

Consistent practice, no less than common error, made the law. The equitable jurisdiction should not be exercised in a manner which would defeat the commercial expectations of the parties at the time when they entered into their contractual obligations.

It was true that there was no evidence of the advice which the parties received when entering into the lease, but that did not detract from the dangers inherent in disturbing past transactions based on the known practice of the court.

Nor was it sufficient to say that the parties should have been advised that the grant of specific performance was discretionary, and that an order might be made if the court thought it was just.

His Lordship agreed that it would do the court no credit if it declined to make an order merely on the ground that it had become the practice not to do so. The court was entitled and bound to re-examine its practice to see whether it accorded with modern requirements.

Nevertheless, his Lordship remained firmly of the view that the court should not compel a party to carry on a business for an indefinite period regardless of the financial consequences of doing so.

The effect of such an order could be far more oppressive than that of an order to pull down a building. Withholding equitable relief did not, of course, mean that a keep open covenant could safely be ignored. The covenant would sound in damages; such damages could be substantial; and it was an open question whether in an appropriate case they might not include an element of what were sometimes, erroneously, called restitutionary damages.

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Revised directions for practice to be followed in Admiralty Court

Practice Direction (Admiralty Court: Practice)

Directions for the practice to followed in the Admiralty Court of the Queen's Bench Division from January 11, 1996 were announced in a Practice Direction issued on December 21 by Mr Justice Clarke, Admiralty Judge.

MR JUSTICE CLARKE said:

1 General

(1) Reference to the "Registry" in the following directions was reference to the Admiralty and Commercial Registry.

(2) These directions should where applicable govern the practice to be followed in Admiralty matters in the Registry.

(3) These directions should come into force on January 11, 1996, and would supersede all previous Admiralty Registrar's Practice Notes or Directions.

2 Application of Masters' Practice Directions

In cases not covered by these directions the Masters' Practice Directions should, where applicable be followed with such modifications as the circumstances required, for example, the substitution of "Admiralty and Commercial Registry" for "Central Office" and "Action Department" and "Admiralty Registrar" for "Master" and "Practice Master".

3 Form of writs and acknowledgements of service: see Rules of the Supreme Court, Order 6, rule 1, Order 75, rule 3 and appendices A and B.

If it was desired to commence proceedings both in rem and in personam separate writs must be issued: see *Practice Direction (Admiralty: Writ)* ([1979] 1 WLR 426). Where the defendants were described in the writ as "the owners of the ship X", any acknowledgment of service in addition to stating the description appearing in the writ should also state the full names of the persons acknowledging service and the nature of their ownership.

In the event of there being insufficient space on the acknowledgment of service form itself, such additional information should appear on a separate document to accompany and be lodged with the acknowledgment of service form.

4 Admiralty Court Practice

Preface

1 Practice in the Commercial Court had for some time been governed not only by Order 72 of the Rules of the Supreme Court but also by the *Guide to Commercial Court Practice* (see *The Supreme Court Practice 1995* (vol 1, paras 72/A1 to 72/A30, 3rd supplement).

2 Many of the actions heard in the Admiralty Court raised similar issues to those heard in the Commercial Court. Many of those who regularly practised in the Admiralty Court also practised in the Commercial Court. Since 1987 there had been an Admiralty and Commercial Registry.

In those circumstances it was desirable that there should be as much harmonisation as possible between the practice of the two courts, provided that care was taken to ensure that the two courts remained independent so that each might best serve the interest of those who wished to use it.

3 Those aims could best be served by improving the practice of the Admiralty Court in the following areas: the hearing of interlocutory applications by the Admiralty Judge, the listing of actions and the harmonisation of the general practice of the two courts where appropriate.

A Interlocutory applications

4 With effect from June 8, 1993, most summonses and other interlocutory applications (including motions) which were to be heard by the Admiralty Judge and which were short enough to be heard on "summons day" would ordinarily be listed for hearing on Fridays. The Admiralty Registrar would continue to hear interlocutory applications as before.

B Trials

5.1 With effect from June 8, 1993 trials would thus be heard on Mondays to Thursdays and, save in exceptional circumstances, would not be heard on Fridays.

5.2 Except where the Admiralty Judge otherwise directed, all actions would be heard by the Admiralty Judge.

However, the Admiralty and Commercial Registry would maintain a list of all matters to be heard in the Admiralty and Commercial Courts in order to ensure that the judicial resources of both courts were used to best effect.

All such listing would be under the direction of the Admiralty and Commercial Court listing officer.

5.3 That would enable the Admiralty Judge to hear actions in the Commercial Court and it would also enable judges of the Commercial Court to hear actions in the Admiralty Court where the facts of the particular case made that course appropriate.

5.4 It was stressed that the purpose of that change was to make both courts operate as efficiently as possible. Care would be taken to ensure that an Admiralty action which involved questions of navigation or other particular matters of an essentially Admiralty nature would be heard by the Admiralty Judge or, where necessary, by a judge nominated by the Admiralty Judge who had experience of such questions or matters.

C Practice

6.1 With effect from June 8, 1993, the *Guide to Commercial Court Practice* would govern the practice in the Admiralty Court so far as applications to and hearings before the Admiralty Judge were concerned, save where the provisions of that guide could apply only to commercial actions and save that applications in the Admiralty Court would continue to be heard by the Admiralty Judge or the Admiralty Registrar in accordance with the Rules of the Supreme Court.

6.2 Thus the following sections of the *Guide to Commercial Court Practice* would apply to proceedings in the Admiralty Court before the Admiralty Judge:

III Ex parte applications; IV Service out of the jurisdiction; V *Mareva* and *Anton Piller* injunctions; VI Summonses inter partes; VII Arbitration matters: VIII Security for costs; IX Pleadings; X Amendment of pleadings; XI Discovery and interrogatories: XII The summons for directions (except for paras 12.1 and 12.2); XIII Preliminary issues: XIV Exchange of evidence: factual witnesses; XV Exchange of evidence: expert witnesses; XVI Documents; XVII Preparation for long trials (save that the reference in para 17.2 to a single judge should be a reference to the Admiralty Judge unless he otherwise directed); XVIII Pre-trial check-list; XIX The trial.

6.3 The reason that some parts of the *Guide to Commercial Court Practice* had been omitted was that they did not seem to be appropriate to an Admiralty action having regard to the express terms of Order 75 and to the fact that Order 72 did not apply to an Admiralty action.

However, suggestions from the Admiralty Court Committee (or indeed from any other user of the Admiralty Court) as to how the practice of the court could be improved in that or any other respect would be welcome.

6.4 That Direction replaced previous Admiralty Practice Directions, direction 4 (*Practice Direction (Admiralty Directions)* ([1973] 1 WLR 1146).

Conclusion

7.1 That Practice Direction was issued with the consent of Lord Taylor, of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, and with the approval of Mr Justice Saville as judge in charge of the Commercial Court.

7.2 The changes in the practice set out above would come into effect from June 8, 1993, subject to any adjustments which might be necessary as a result of arrangements or orders already made at the date of that Practice Direction.

[Issued May 10, 1993: see *Practice Direction (Admiralty Court: Practice)* ([1993] 1 WLR 960)).

5 Discharge of cargo under arrest from ships not under arrest and of cargo not under arrest from ships under arrest: see Order 75, rule 12.

(1) Where a ship was not under arrest but cargo on board her was, and those interested in the ship wished to discharge the cargo which was under arrest, they might, without intervening in the action, request the Marshal to take the appropriate steps. If the Marshal considered the request reasonable and if the applicant gave an undertaking in writing satisfactory to the Marshal to pay on demand the fees of the Marshal and all expenses to be incurred by him or on his behalf in taking the desired steps, the Marshal would apply to the court under Order 75, rule 12, for the appropriate order.

(2) Where those interested were unable or unwilling to arrange for such an undertaking to be given they might intervene in the action in which the cargo was under arrest and apply by summons for an order for discharge of the cargo and for directions as to the fees and expenses of the Marshal in and about the discharge and storage of the cargo pursuant to such order.

(3) Where a ship was under arrest but cargo on board her was not and those interested in cargo wished to secure its discharge, one or other of the procedures outlined above might be followed.

6 Use of postal facilities in the Registry: see Order 1, rule 10.

(1) Queen's Bench Masters Practice Direction, direction 3 ("Use of postal facilities in Queen's Bench Division") would be followed in the Registry subject to the following and any other necessary modifications.

(2) Applications together with the requisite documents must be posted to:

The Admiralty and Commercial Registry, Room E200, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL.

(3) The classes of business for which the use of postal facilities was permitted in the Queen's Bench Division was extended to cover the filing and lodgement in the Registry of the following classes of documents: (1) Praecipes for caveats; (2) Bail bonds and affidavits under Order 75, rule 16; (3) Preliminary acts; (4) Counter-notices to summons for directions; (5) Notice and counter-notices under Order 38; (6) Agreements between solicitors under Order 75, rule 35; (7) Claims in references; (8) Lists of undisputed items, and documents in support of claims, in reference.

(4) Documents sent by post for filing or lodgment must be accompanied by two copies of a list of the documents sent and an envelope properly addressed to the sender.

(5) On receipt of the documents in the Registry the proper officer would, if the circumstances were such that had the documents been presented personally they would have been filed or lodged, cause them to be filed or lodged and would, by post, notify the sender that that had been done. If the documents would not have been accepted if presented personally the proper officer would not file or lodge them but would retain them in the Registry for collection by the sender and would, by post, so inform the sender.

(6) When documents received through the post were filed or lodged by the proper officer they would be sealed and entered as filed or lodged on the date on which they were received in the Registry.

(7) It would not be possible for the Registry to enter into any correspondence or telephonic communication concerning the refusal to accept for filing or lodgment any document sent by post.

(8) Para 20 of Queen's Bench Masters Directions, direction 3 ("Applications by post for special appointments before Masters") should not apply to applications for the appointment of a date for a reference.

7 Exhibits to affidavits – return to party lodging

When an affidavit was filed in the Registry in Admiralty proceedings any exhibits to it would be returned to the party lodging them when no longer required by the court. In the case of motions and summonses those exhibits would normally be returned at the end of the hearing.

8 Compromise or settlement by person under disability etc

(1) On a summons or originating summons for approval of the settlement or compromise of a claim or for the acceptance of money paid into court, in an action in which any party was a person under a disability, the amounts of any proposed payments should be left blank.

(2) No affidavit would usually be required on the hearing of the summons or originating summons.

(3) At least two days before the date fixed for the hearing the parties must lodge in the Registry the originals or copies of all documents to which they intended to refer at the hearing.

9 References — form of schedule to Registrar's decision: see Order 75, rules 41 and 42.

Where a list of agreed items had been filed under Order 75, rule 41(6) or any items had been agreed at the hearing, the Registrar would not in the schedule to his decision list the agreed items separately but would set out the total of the amounts agreed in respect of them, unless any party otherwise requested at the hearing.

10 Applications relating to foreign currency funds in court including proceeds of sale of a ship or the property sold by the Marshal

(1) When proceeds of a sale were paid into court by the Marshal or payment in was made by a party to an action and such payment was in a foreign currency, the funds would not be placed to an interest bearing account or otherwise dealt with without the direction of the court.

(2) An application to place foreign currency to an interest bearing account, unless made at the same time as an application for sale, or other prior application, might be made by summons. Notice of the placement of foreign currency to an interest bearing account should be given to all parties interested in the fund by the party at whose instance the foreign currency was invested.

(3) Any interested party who objected to the mode of investment of foreign currency paid into court might apply by summons to the Admiralty Registrar for directions.

(4) Several types of deposit were usually available and applications to place the funds to any interest bearing account or otherwise should specify the type of deposit required.

Advice as to those matters could not be given by the Registry staff.

11 Taxation of costs

Supreme Court Taxing Office

At the request of the Admiralty Registrar, all costs in Admiralty matters would be taxed in the Supreme Court Taxing Office. The procedure for the commencement of taxations would be as set out in *The Supreme Court Practice 1995* paras 62/30/1-62/30/8.

A summons to review a taxation would follow the Queen's Bench Division procedure in accordance with the Practice Direction of Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice dated May 10, 1984 (*Practice Direction (Taxation: Review)* ([1984] 1 WLR 856)).

With the agreement of the Admiralty Registrar the Practice Direction of the Admiralty Registrar dated November 1, 1973 (*Practice Direction (Admiralty: Taxation Review)* ([1973] 1 WLR 1424)) was cancelled.

Practice Direction (Admiralty: Taxation of Costs) ([1986] 1 WLR 1310) related to the procedure to be followed on review of taxation under Order 62, rule 35.

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Claimant did not report facts not known to her

Franklin v Chief Adjudication Officer

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas

[Judgment December 13]

An income support claimant who declared that she had correctly reported any facts which could affect the amount of any payment was not guilty of misrepresentation for failing to report facts which were not known to her.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Angela Franklin against the decision of Mr D. G. Rice, a social security commissioner, on February 9 that the Social Security Appeal Tribunal had correctly decided that a £304.20 overpayment of income support was recoverable from her under section 71(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

Mr Richard Drabble, QC and Miss Nathalie Lieven for the claimant; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Paul Stinchcombe for the Chief Adjudication Officer and the Secretary of State for Social Security.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that when the claimant had applied for income support she had been asked what the interest rates were on the two mortgages that she paid and, on the basis of the figures that she had given, her income support had been calculated and paid weekly.

On each occasion that she collected her benefit she had had to sign a declaration which included the words: "I declare that ... I have correctly reported any facts which could affect the amount of any payment and that I am entitled to the above sum."

The Department of Social Security had discovered that after the claimant's initial application the interest rate on one of her mortgages had been reduced. Since that date she had been paid more than she had been entitled to. The appeal tribunal had believed her when she told them that she had not known of the decrease in the mortgage interest rate.

Section 71(1) of the 1992 Act provided that if any person misrepresented or failed to disclose any material fact and in consequence a payment was made, the secretary of state was entitled to recover any amount which would not have been paid but for the misrepresentation or failure to disclose.

It was common ground that misrepresentation could be fraudulent or innocent. Non-disclosure was different. In *R v Medical Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Hubble* ([1958] 2 QB 228) it was held that there could not be non-disclosure of something a person did not know.

However, in the claimant's case, the secretary of state relied not on non-disclosure but on misrepresentation, on the ground that the terms of the declaration she had signed contained a representation that the beneficiary had correctly reported any facts which could affect her entitlement. Therefore, if relevant facts were not reported there had been a misrepresentation, never mind that it was innocent, and the secretary of state had the right to reclaim the overpayment.

In answer, the claimant argued that the representation made was that the beneficiary had reported facts known to her. The word "reported" in itself conveyed the notion of passing on information which one had.

The claimant relied on dicta of Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith in *Jones v Chief Adjudication Officer* ([1994] 1 WLR 62).

Lord Justice Dillon had there said (at p72) that such a declaration was a representation "that there were no facts known to [the claimant] at the time he signed which could affect the amount of his payment but which he had not reported".

Having regard to section 71(1), it seemed to his Lordship legitimate to construe the declaration in the way it had been construed in *Jones*.

Accordingly, the overpayment was not recoverable because the claimant had failed to report facts which she had not known.

Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Swinton Thomas gave concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Mr David Thomas; Solicitor, Department of Social Security.

Pollution no reason to close road

Regina v Greenwich London Borough Council, Ex parte Williams and Others

Before Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment December 19]

There was no power under section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for a local authority to close a road temporarily to traffic in order to reduce the danger to the public from air pollution caused by such traffic.

Mr Justice Macpherson so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application by Jack Williams, an infant, by his mother Kathleen Williams, and by six other infants by their parents, for judicial review of the decision of the London Borough of Greenwich on June 28, 1995 not to establish a scheme for the occasional restriction of traffic on Trafalgar Road, Greenwich, during periods of high air pollution.

Section 14 of the 1984 Act allowed for, inter alia, restriction or prohibition of traffic on a road by reason of the "likelihood of danger to the public". The applicants submitted that those words being wide and flexible should not be interpreted restrictively.

Mr Graham Read for the applicants; Mr Martin Wood for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE MACPHERSON said that while the court had every sympathy with asthmatic children who lived near or used the road, using ordinary principles of construction and common sense the section was not designed to allow temporary closure of roads because of pollution. The section contemplated, for example, closure where the weather or a spillage made its use dangerous to the public.

It had been justly conceded by the respondent that extreme circumstances could exist where section 14 could operate because of environmental circumstances such as where the ventilation system in a tunnel had been totally removed so that people inside might expire because of the lack of air or where a road across a heath was affected by smoke from a heath fire. Those circumstances were wholly different from the present.

It might be that as people became more and more aware new sections would be enacted to deal with pollution but as it presently stood section 14 did not extend to prohibition or restriction on ordinary traffic for the purpose of removing or reducing danger to the public from air pollution caused by such traffic.

It required only a few moments' attention to see that any interpretation in favour of the applicants would produce absurd results, for example higher levels of pollution might be caused by the diverted traffic on roads other than Trafalgar Road. To have temporary restrictions on roads in a city like London was absurd and would result in chaos.

Solicitors: Leigh Day & Co; Mr C. Roberts, Woolwich.

Undersoil heating impractical as industry counts cost of blank days

Failing to cope with winter's icy blast

BY ROBERT WRIGHT

WHILE other sports soldier on through the arctic conditions, racing's barren spell continues, with tomorrow's double-header on the all-weather at Wolverhampton the only realistic hope of action before New Year's Day. At first sight it is perplexing that, with the 21st century looming large, racing has no answer to the weather.

While football's Premiership carries on regardless thanks to the introduction of undersoil heating, racecourses — whether it be Kempton Park or Kelso — can only cover the take-off and landing sides of jumps to fend off an icy period. Is racing keeping up with the times, or could more be done to keep the show on the road at the grade one courses?

The size of a racecourse makes it impractical to employ football-style undersoil heating. National Hunt tracks, which have separate hurdles and chase courses, cover 25-30 acres — the equivalent of approximately 17 football pitches.

Apart from the cost, the idea is impractical. Undersoil heating requires the insertion of pipes around four inches under the surface. If the ground is riding soft, half a ton of horse pounding the turf would dig through to the piping and be exceptionally dangerous.

On Wednesday, the British Horseracing Board (BHB) sanctioned an extra daytime meeting at Wolverhampton to provide some fodder for the turnover-starved betting shops tomorrow afternoon. However, the damage to both the racing and betting industries has been done. Turnover, and therefore the levy on which racing depends, is thus destroyed in the busiest mid-winter period.

Granted the Met Office warning of a heavy and prolonged frost days in advance of Christmas, it seems disappointing that the newly conceived standby fixture procedure was not implemented on Boxing Day.

After building three all-weather tracks to combat inclement weather, there have been cries from several quarters, notably the bookmakers, that more racing should be staged on the sand at this time of year. David Hood, of William Hill, said of the blank Boxing Day: "It's very disappointing that someone did not have the foresight to stage an all-weather fixture."

With hindsight, that is an obvious sentiment. However, John Smee, the BHB's controller of race programmes, defended the BHB's stance yesterday: "If we could have been sure of the strength of the freeze, we would have organised a standby fixture for Boxing Day. But the majority of courses were making optimistic noises — indeed, many could have raced on Christmas Day. Only two of the ten meetings were called off prior to race-day."

The loss of the King George meeting at Kempton, where a crowd of 20,000 had been expected, was a particularly bitter blow to the course. Although insurance will cover losses in the short-term, their premiums will jump in the coming years.

Frustrating though it was to see much of the track raceable, with only small pockets of the track frozen, Julian Thick, general manager of Kempton, feels that everything possible was done to prevent abandonment. He said: "Large areas of the track were all right, but there were pockets where the ground was solid.

"It was impossible to predict which areas would be worst hit, as it is dependent on how much sunshine there is and the bitterness of the wind. The size of area that would need to be covered to guarantee racing makes it impractical."

Even if a course was completely covered, the danger to horses which had dispatched their jockeys would be too great, as they would be likely to break through to the untreated surface surrounding the track.

The BHB's case was taken further by its racing director, Paul Greeves. Explaining why so few all-weather fixtures take place in December, he said: "We feel that this is a very important time for jump racing, and have expanded the fixture list because people want to go racing over the holiday period. Traditionally the coldest months are January to March, and we have blanket coverage on the all-weather during those months.

"All-weather meetings cost around £40,000 to stage, and we cannot afford to put them on every day throughout the winter. The remaining meetings that we can afford to finance are concentrated in November, because that is when they are most useful.

"Flat trainers have their horses fit from the turf season at that time and welcome opportunities to run. These are exceptional circumstances — it is 33 years since we had a blank Boxing Day."

DAN ABRAHAM



A floodlit race on the all-weather track at Wolverhampton, which stages an extra daytime meeting tomorrow to provide fodder for betting shops

No respite for turf meetings as frost continues

A BLANK week for British jumping enthusiasts looks inevitable after today's four scheduled meetings were all called off. Fontwell, Newbury and Warwick all fell to the frost yesterday, with Newcastle having been abandoned on Wednesday.

Tomorrow's meeting at Nottingham has already been abandoned, while Catterick and Newbury both plan to inspect this morning to check on tomorrow's prospects. Both tracks are frozen. Folkestone offers the only real hope. "There is a light covering of snow over most of the track, but where this has melted the frost has got into the ground," a course spokesman said. The course will be inspected at noon today.

A total of 24 meetings have now been lost this week and, even if temperatures rise over the weekend, forecasters are predicting heavy snow.

Prospects in Ireland are only marginally better. Leopardstown and Limerick — both abandoned yesterday — are due to race again today with prospects rated "50-50 at best" at Limerick and "60-40 against" at Leopardstown.

Tomorrow's meeting at Leopardstown will comprise Wednesday's lost card plus the Christmas Hurdle. Even if the meeting is given the go-ahead, one of its main attractions, the return to action of Champion Hurdle hope Montelado, may be lost. The gelding travelled to England to run in the Bonusprint Christmas Hurdle at Kempton, and is now encountering problems returning to Ireland.

"It looks as though he'll be unable to race tomorrow if the racing is on," a spokeswoman for his trainer, Pat Flynn, said yesterday. "His flight was due to leave Farnborough at 6.00 on Wednesday night, but it was delayed until this morning. He was coming into Dublin at lunchtime and it's about a 3½-hour journey to our stables from there. It would be asking a lot to send him to the races again tomorrow."

Montelado, an impressive winner of the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham in March 1993, has raced only once since over timber when finishing ninth in last season's Champion Hurdle.

Wachter waiting in wings to take lead role

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ALEXANDRA Meissnitzer, of Austria, is likely to lose her lead in the race to be overall women's World Cup skiing champion when Semmering stages slalom events today and tomorrow.

Meissnitzer, who leads her compatriot, Anita Wachter, by 25 points, has opted not to compete in slalom events, presenting the experienced Wachter with the chance to overhaul her at the Austrian resort, 45 miles south of Vienna.

After two super-giant slalom victories in Switzerland before Christmas, Meissnitzer leads the championship race with 488 points but she has declared no interest in the coveted overall title. "I'm surprised I'm doing so well," she said yesterday. "I'm just trying to ski consistently and score points."

In contrast, Wachter, with 13 career World Cup wins to her credit, including the combined in St Anton, Austria, three weeks ago, has made no secret of her ambition to claim another overall title.

The Austrians are closely pursued by two Germans, Martina Ertl and Katja Seizinger. Ertl, with two giant slalom victories and a super-giant success, is third with 433 points while Seizinger, who last year lost the overall title by just six points to Vreni Schneider, of Switzerland, is 20 points further adrift.

Elfi Eder, of Austria, winner of the first two slaloms of the season, does not figure in the leading overall standings but will be looking to maintain her lead in the slalom. She has 200 points, eight ahead of Urska Hrovat, of Slovenia, who will be keen to improve on two consecutive second places.

Pernilla Wiberg, of Sweden, appears to have found her form after a slow start to the campaign. She collected her twelfth career win and first of the season in the final slalom before the Christmas break.

Deborah Compagnoni, the dual Olympic champion, will return from injury and make her seasonal debut in the World Cup at Maribor, Slovenia, next week.

☐ Lasse Kjus, leading the men's World Cup title race, was fastest in the final practice for the downhill race in Bormio, Italy, today. The Norwegian, still seeking his first downhill victory, was 0.36sec faster than Patrick Ortlieb over the Stelvio track.

Extra Cheltenham races well supported

TRAINERS have responded positively to the efforts of the British Horseracing Board (BHB) by supporting the two races added to Cheltenham's New Year's Day card. Both races have attracted double-figure fields. The Levy Board Limited Handicap Chase, which is scheduled to open the meeting, has 11 entries while the Bonusprint Limited Handicap Hurdle has 17.

The David Nicholson-trained Viking Flagship, winner of the Champion Chase for the last two seasons, heads the weights in the chase with 11st 10lb. With the minimum weight set at 10st 10lb, he is one of just four in the handicap proper.

The remaining trio are Irish raider Strong Platinum (11st 7lb), Nicky Henderson's Travado (11st 6lb) and the Simon Christian-trained Nakir (11st 1lb).

Henderson, who was full of praise for the BHB's initiative, warned that Travado would only run if the ground was good. "We've kept him clear of soft ground throughout so I don't want to start now," the Lambourn trainer said.

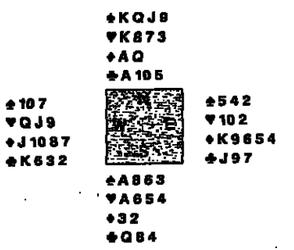
"But we must take our hats off to the BHB who have tried extremely hard over this difficult period. It's a fantastic step which has been justified by the terrific entries."

David Elsworth holds a particularly strong hand in the £15,000-added Bonusprint Limited Handicap Hurdle, as he trains three of the five horses in the handicap proper in the two mile, one furlong event. They are Atours (11st 10lb), Oh So Risky (11st 4lb) and Absalom's Lady (11st 1lb). The other runners in the handicap are the Charles Egerton-trained mare Mysilv (11st 5lb) and Jim Old's veteran Mole Board (10st 12lb).

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This refresher describes a common type of elimination.



Contract: Four Hearts by South Lead: Jack of Diamonds

Declarer plays the queen of diamonds on the lead of the jack; East wins and returns another diamond. How should South play?

The declarer must assume that the hearts break 3-2 or else he will have at least four losers — two hearts, a diamond and at least one club. To make ten tricks, he has to make a club trick. What is the best way to play that suit?

If you have to play it yourself, best is small to the queen and, if that loses, finesse the ten on the second round. This fails only if West has the king and East the jack, about a 25 per cent chance. However, anyone familiar with elimination play will recognise that, if the defence start the club suit, declarer will always make two tricks.

So, this is the technique. After winning the ace of diamonds, play off ace and king of hearts and all the spades. If West has not ruffed in, declarer exits with a heart. West wins, but now he has to either give a ruff and discard or open up the clubs.

Let us assume that the contract is Three Hearts — this time give West four hearts and one less diamond. There is a defensive point here, if the declarer starts in the same way.

After two rounds of diamonds, two of hearts and three of spades, West has the opportunity to ruff. He should not do so, nor should he ruff the fourth round of spades. If he ruffs in, he can draw one more trump but then must play clubs. However, if he holds his fire, declarer will have to let him in with a club or a heart and West can draw all the trumps and cash diamond tricks.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes Monday to Friday in Sport and in Weekend on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

New ratings

FIDE, the world chess federation, has issued its rating list for the new year. What is clear is that the former hegemony of Garry Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov has been broken, and those two have been joined at the top by Vladimir Kramnik, 20, the Russian grandmaster The top ten are as follows: Kramnik and Kasparov (both Russia) 2,775; Karpov (Russia) 2,770; Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine) and Gata Kamsky (US) 2,735; Viswanathan Anand (India) 2,725; Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) and Boris Gelfand (Russia) 2,700; Alexei Shirov (formerly Latvia, now Spain) 2,690 and Judith Polgar (Hungary) 2,675.

British ratings

The top British ratings are as follows with their position in the world rankings given in brackets: Nigel Short (13) 2,665; Michael Adams (16) 2,660; Tony Miles (27) 2,635; Jon Speelman (39) 2,625; Julian Hodgson (42) 2,615; John Nunn (58) 2,605 and Matthew Sadler (62) 2,600.

Grandmaster Tony Miles has distinguished himself in the new list not only by an excellent rating but also by playing the most games of any player in the world's top 50 — 66.

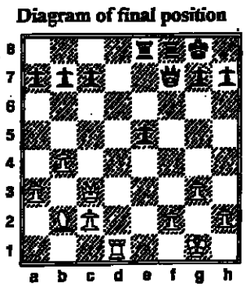
Here is one of his vigorous wins from 1995.

White: G. Garcia
Black: A. Miles
Matanzas, 1995
Nimzowitsch Defence

1	e4	Nc6
2	d4	e5
3	dxe5	Nxe5
4	Nf3	Bb4+
5	Nbd2	Nxf3+
6	Qxf3	Ne7
7	a3	Ba5
8	b4	Bb6
9	Bb2	0-0
10	Bc4	Nc6
11	Nb3	Qh4
12	g3	Qh6
13	Rd1	d6
14	Rd5	Be6
15	Rh5	Qg6
16	Be2	f5
17	exf5	Bxf5
18	0-0	Rae8
19	Bd1	Be4
20	Qc3	Ne5
21	Nd4	Bxd4
22	Qxd4	Bf3
23	Rxe5	dxe5
24	Qc3	Bxd1
25	Rxd1	Qf7

White resigns

Diagram of final position



☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD SPLITTING

By Philip Howard

HIPSANOGRAPHER
a. Writing Spanish
b. Writing with one's toes
c. Writing about relics

WAMBLE
a. A stomach rumble
b. To peregrinate
c. A woolly comforter

PARALOGISM
a. Metaphor
b. Imitation
c. Illogical reasoning

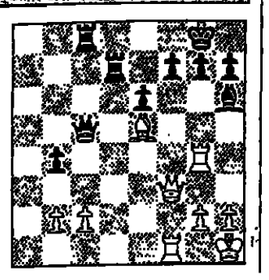
FYLFOT
a. A hammer-foot
b. A gadfly
c. A swastika

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Chandler — Speelman, Hastings Premier 1990. White has built up a powerful attack on the kingside. Can you see how the breakthrough was made?



Solution on page 34

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I Franses - Liquidator

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R Smith - Liquidator

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Hazelwood Golf Limited
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No. 007314 of 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF NORWEST HOLST LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 20th December 1995 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £90,000,000 to £18,956,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 21st December 1995.
Dated this 21st day of December 1995
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Alan John Barrett
Liquidator
18 December 1995

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(co address)
Company Number: 2066046
(co number)
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N J Dargan of Touche Ross & Co, Abbey House, 74 Mosley Street, Manchester, M60 2AT will provide creditors free of charge with information concerning the company's affairs.
Dated 21 December 1995
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Michael Campbell
DIRECTOR

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London EC4A 3AS

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I Franses - Liquidator

No. 005950 of 1995
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CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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Dated this 29th day of December, 1995
Allen & Overy One New Change London EC4M 9QQ
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Ginola left in rival's shadow

Cantona delivers French lesson at Old Trafford



Rob Hughes looks back at the impact of two talented imports on the championship campaign

An intriguing subplot to Manchester United's titanic FA Carling Premiership match against Newcastle United at Old Trafford on Wednesday was *l'affaire de France*. Somehow, with much of the French nation tuned in via television, the individual performances of Eric Cantona and David Ginola were symptomatic of the differences between the sides. Cantona, captain of Manchester United for the first time, was at the heart of so much of his team's superiority, their greater desire and determination; Ginola, showing little of the hypnotic, controlled arrogance of his touch, was peripheral.

The French were bemused. Their own debate, after the national team had dropped both Anglophiles and found unity to qualify for the European championship finals, had begun to centre on the belief that if the national coach, Aimé Jacquet, would recall either of them, it would probably be Ginola. France, the argument goes, need a winger's skills. They have other players who can dictate the rhythm and flow *à la* Cantona.

Have they really? They, like many people in Britain, are astonished at the turn of events. Cantona began this year in such disgrace after his wild kick at a spectator on January 25 that few people felt he should be given the right to atonement, much less to finish the year as the captain of one of the world's most illustrious clubs.

Not only did he complete that circle, he was also utterly responsible and unselfish in the role. Three days previously, against Leeds United at Elland Road, he had shed blood for United and, on Wednesday, he wore a white surgical dressing on the headwound almost like a badge of courage. There were few histrionics, for, since his return, this is not the Cantona of extremes. There was not the brooding malevolence with which he began the year, nor quite the explosiveness in front of goal or the full mellifluous flow of his passing.

Instead, there was leadership. Two moments spring to mind. In the first half, he appeared momentarily joined at the hip to Robert Lee, the midfield player whom Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, had described as the most effective footballer in England. Their tango lasted but a brief second, after which Cantona spun away with the ball and Lee staggered towards the ground. He looked discouraged, disinclined to try to recapture the ball and eyed Cantona with as much awe as any of the 732 children who last summer had been Cantona's pupils during his community service.

Later, when stamina was beginning to show the men from the boys, Cantona galloped at full stretch into the Newcastle penalty area. Howey was with him, stride for stride, trying to discourage the Frenchman from his chosen path. Cantona took his eye off the ball and glanced right and left, looking for Andy Cole. Players such as Cantona can do this because they are so sure of their technique that, unlike so many British players, they know they will control the ball at a touch. He did, and swept it into Cole's path, justifying the claim of Manchester United's manager, Alex Ferguson, that the chemistry between the menace of Cole and the alertness of Cantona could yet justify all expectations.

If Cantona genuinely can channel his thoughts and desires into creative play, then surely he possesses a dimension beyond Ginola? Newcastle's Frenchman had just held Tyneside in raptures with his skills in the last home match against Nottingham Forest and, though one performance should not make a reputation — any more than one match will win or lose the championship — then Ginola will be central to Keegan's own need to revamp Newcastle's tactics.

The loss for two months of the right winger, Keith Gillespie, might now oblige Newcastle to continue with the experiment attempted in the first half last Saturday. Then, they used Philippe Albert as one of three centre backs, freeing the full backs to create pace down the flanks and using Ginola's ability to run at defenders, bemusing them three at a time, in a central role. Without Gillespie and having sold Scott Sellars, Keegan might now need this tactical variation away to West Ham United tomorrow and at home to Arsenal next Tuesday.

For the moment, the Newcastle manager has lost a battle, not the war. He will reflect, however, that his players lacked character at Old Trafford, that they were not, as he said, desperate enough to win the match. However, Keegan might conclude that he himself was beaten in the matter that is his forte — motivation.

In the match programme, Ferguson had written: "We can admire Newcastle, but we shall compete because everyone associated with Old Trafford, from management and players through to the fans, knows this is a game Manchester United must win." He went further, threatening that any player, no matter how many trophies he had helped to bring to Manchester United, who failed to recognise this would be moved aside to make way for someone to fulfil that role. That, on Wednesday night, was the telling motivation.

Cantona: leadership



DES JENSON

Bland, left, of the North East, struggles in an effort to thwart the progress of Danaher, of the South West

Carter puts Midlands on higher ground

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

A COMBINATION of individual craft supported by efficient teamwork enabled the Midlands to establish a strong position on the first day of the divisional hockey tournament at Clifton College, Bristol, yesterday.

With two wins at under-17 level, they play the West today, whose teamwork was equally impressive. The North West also recorded a brace of victories but conceded overall ascendancy to the Midlands, having scored fewer goals.

Three players — Carter, Leask and Langlands, with two goals each — played telling roles in the Midlands' 7-1 victory over the South East. The Midlands had built a 4-1 lead by half-time and survived a barrage of shots from short corners in the second half before adding three more goals in a late flurry.

The West snatched the lead against the South West with a goal in the fourth minute by Secombe but Wilkinson levelled the score with a well-taken goal two minutes later. Yanale restored the West's lead in the 27th minute and Secombe made the match safe with a late effort from a short corner.

Carter, of the Midlands, was among the goals again when he scored two against the East, who led through Ornbo before sliding to a 4-1 defeat. The West's final match of the day against the South East was called off because of a frozen pitch.

In the under-15 competition, Matthew Taylor scored a hat-trick from open play for the Midlands in a 4-1 victory over the South East.

RESULTS: Under-17: South West 3 North East 1; North West 1 East 0, Midlands 7 South East 1; West 3 South West 1; East 1 Midlands 4; North East 1 North West 3 Under-15: South East 0 West 1; South West 3 North East 0, East 0 Midlands 0; North West 1 East 1, Midlands 4 South East 1; North East 1 North West 0, South West 1 West 1.

IN BRIEF

Scots retain Phillips for Welsh encounter

PETER PHILLIPS, the Queen's grandson, retains his place in the Scottish Schools rugby union side to play the Welsh Schools at Bridgend on January 5. Phillips, from Gordonstoun, is named at No 7 — though the Scots play their flankers left and right — instead of Grant Howieson, of Hutchesons', who broke a thumb during the 18-12 defeat by France last Friday.

Hamish Calder, of George Watson's, the nephew of Finlay Calder, the former British Isles captain, will bring greater bulk to the blind-side position, while a reshuffle in the back division brings in Dougal Affleck, of Berwickshire HS, at centre. Tom Lightoller moves to full back and Stuart Connell to the wing.

Caviare show

Cycling: Carl Sturgeon, racing again after a two-year break, had his second victory in three days yesterday, dominating the Matlock CC cyclo-cross in temperatures that dropped to -4C for the start of the 10½-mile event on Matlock Moor, 900 feet above sea level. Sturgeon, from Leicester, broke clear halfway through the first of the seven laps and was never caught before he finished in 58min 10sec. He used a mountain bike for better control on the icy descents.

Wilander out

Tennis: Mats Wilander, the former world No 1, has withdrawn from the Sydney international tournament next month because of a back injury. Wilander, 31, from Sweden, has also withdrawn from the Hopman Cup mixed team event that starts in Perth on Sunday. The Sydney White City tournament, formerly known as the New South Wales Open, the main warm-up event for the Australian Open, starts on January 8.

Laitinen soars

Ski jumping: Mika Laitinen, of Finland, won a large hill World Cup event in Oberhof, Germany, yesterday, landing the longest and third-longest jumps of the day to easily beat Ari-Pekka Nikkola, his compatriot. Laitinen had a jump of 121 metres on his first attempt and then added a 126.5-metre leap, five metres better than anybody else on the day, for a total of 241.5 points. Nikkola totalled 229.4 and Jens Weissflog, of Germany, was third with 224.9.

Ebdon tumbles

Snooker: Peter Ebdon, who beat Ken Doherty 8-0 in his opening match, slumped to a 6-2 defeat yesterday as Ronnie O'Sullivan picked up his first points of the European Snooker League campaign. O'Sullivan lost the first frame, but took the next six.

Globetrotting

Basketball: Orlando Antigua, 22, a Puerto Rican formerly with the University of Pittsburgh, has joined the Harlem Globetrotters, becoming the first non-black in the team since Bob Karstens played with the squad in 1942-43.

Barbara Collins

Gymnastics: Barbara Collins, a British Olympian, has died of breast cancer at the age of 42 after fighting the illness for two years. Collins won the All England schoolgirls title in 1971 before becoming the national champion a year later. She competed at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

Woking stand to gain League entry

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

THE finishing touches are being put to the work at Woking Football Club that has, during the past two months, turned Kingfield into a ground fit for the Football League.

Phil Ledger, the chairman of the Vauxhall Conference club, said: "The things that the Football League have asked to be done are more or less complete, so we're confident that everything will be ready by their deadline of December 31.

"They have said they will come down next week and see. They want seats for 1,000 and we've now got 2,500; the safety barriers have been put in, there's more room for the press — all that kind of thing."

Ledger, who completed his rise from club mascot, in 1938, to club chairman last year, has no doubt what has made the transformation possible. "The council are our sponsors," he said. "We're the envy of many clubs who don't get much help from their councils. Woking Borough Council have been absolutely marvellous with their support, it's been second to none."

Woking are second in the Conference, seven points behind Macclesfield Town, the champions, with three matches in hand. Should they win promotion to the League, Ledger says that the council's co-operation with the club will be extended. "We have drawn up a second-stage plan which would involve knocking down the old stand," he said.

The new 2,000-seat stand behind one goal that is the centrepiece of the development will be opened for Woking's Surrey Senior Cup tie against Epsom and Ewell on Tuesday, January 9. Mindful of Woking's not so distant Isthmian League past, Ledger said: "People ask, why Epsom and Ewell? Why not? They're a good Surrey football club. If it's opened on that day so be it. We do have plans to bring down a big club to do an opening ceremony."

The stand will be called the Leslie Gosden Stand, after the 92-year-old club president, a retired builder. "He's been with Woking for 67 years," Ledger said. "He's put an enormous amount into the club, both financially and workwise." Not the least of Gosden's achievements was his part in buying the ground for the club after the Second World War, for £6,000.

Woking have put admission prices up from £5 to £6 to help them to cover the costs, but there will be no charge on top of that to sit in the new stand. If lucky, supporters may get two matches for the price of one. "They tell me you get a good view of the Westfield [the Combined Counties League club] ground from the top," Ledger said.

All the best-laid plans at a new ground can go wrong, as Hednesford Town discovered when their match against Kettering Town was abandoned because of floodlight failure on Boxing Day.

John Baldwin, the manager and joint owner, said: "We spent quite a lot of money on getting a frost protection cover. Some frost got underneath it — it was so severe but the ground staff were there at eight in the morning, working very hard. After all that and with us 2-1 in front, then the floodlights go out."

Despite the efforts of an electrician, the club could not get a rogue pylon to work again fully. "The referee decided that it would be too dangerous," Baldwin said. "When the match is replayed, with the league's permission, we plan to offer supporters substantially reduced prices."

Being at the new Keys Stadium played its part. "When you've been at a place for 30 or 40 years, you know where everything is," Baldwin said. "Anything could go wrong and somebody would know how to put it right. We've got to learn to do that all over again." So, Woking be warned.

Jones faces fine and suspension

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

VINNIE JONES, the Wimbledon captain, has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute after making disparaging remarks, in a national newspaper article, about foreign players. If found guilty by the Football Association, he faces the possibility of a heavy fine and suspension.

Jones's latest brush with the authorities follows his sending-off — the eleventh of an incident-packed career — in the 2-1 victory over Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Boxing Day. Jones had already been cautioned for a challenge on Dan Petrescu when he lunged at Ruud Gullit from behind in the 53rd minute.

Dermot Gallagher, the referee, had an easy decision to make and yet Jones pleaded his innocence, accusing Gullit of "diving" to earn a free kick. Yesterday, in the *Daily Mirror*, Jones appeared to drift even further away from reality in a 44-paragraph diatribe, which was directed at the FA Carling Premiership's ever-growing band of imported players.

Jones was quoted as likening Gullit to the two pot-bellied pigs he owns, and added: "But they don't squeal as much as him." He also said: "There is a new noise in football — it is called the Foreign Squeal. The Beautiful Game? What's beautiful about lying in mud and acting like a cockroach on its back? How does it feel, Ruud?"

The FA, predictably, was not amused. Steve Double, a spokesman, said: "All decent fans will acknowledge that overseas players have been a great benefit to the British game and generated a huge amount of interest."

At least Wimbledon have shown a modicum of sense by deciding not to pursue an appeal against the sending-off.

☐ Liverpool are to give free transfers to Mark Walters, Jan Molby and Paul Stewart.

West criticises showpiece season

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ANOTHER part of the polish applied by the Rugby Football League (RFL) to its centenary season was smudged yesterday when Graeme West, the Wigan coach, criticised the governing body for trying to pack too much into the campaign.

West stopped short of embracing the view expressed by the Halifax coach, Steve Simms, that the season should be terminated, but his words offered little warmth to RFL officials shivering at the thought of the widespread damage being inflicted on a congested fixture list by the inclement weather.

The season is due to end on January 21 to allow sufficient time to prepare for the commencement of the Super League in March.

West, in the apparently inevitable process of guiding Wigan to their seventh successive Stones Championship title, said: "I have every sympathy with Steve's point of view, with fixtures piling up on top of an already-demanding schedule and an ever-increasing injury list, but I don't believe it would serve any purpose to call off the rest of the season.

"It would be unfair if some clubs were allowed to finish early while others play on until the trophies are collected. I suppose I could feel different if we had won the championship already, but we haven't and, besides the league, there are still competitions out there to win, like the Regal Trophy and the Challenge Cup.

"All the problems that the game is experiencing at the moment should have been considered at the planning stage and I certainly believe that it was a mistake to attempt so much before the start of Super League."

He said he sympathised with smaller clubs that did not have the depth of playing resources to overcome the ravages of injuries. "We've got our injury problems, too, and while we may have had more players left on whom to call, there are not many left in the bank at the moment, I can assure you."

Two of those, the prop, Kelvin Skerrett, and the wing, Martin Offiah, have appointments with specialists. Skerrett missed the Boxing Day match with St Helens because of a troublesome ankle. Offiah is suffering a similar affliction.



West: injury worries

The frustrations of Simms stem from his difficulties in assembling a squad for their match with with Oldham on Monday.

"It's up to the League to decide what happens, but I can't see the point of going on," he said. "Wigan have won the championship in all but name. We've just finished a spell of four games in 11 days and, quite frankly, my squad is so badly hit by injuries I don't know how I'm going to pick a team to play Oldham."

Paul Harrison, the RFL media manager, ruled out any chance of the championship season being halted. "While we fully sympathise with the clubs' problems, we also have to bear in mind that many of the fans bought season tickets at the start of the championship and will want to see all of the matches."

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

TUCSON, Arizona: Copper Bowl: Texas Tech 55 Air Force 41.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): LA Clippers 116 Charlotte 107; Milwaukee 99 Minnesota 93 (OT); Washington 115 Golden State 94; Phoenix 105 Philadelphia 90, Portland 135 Boston 109; Seattle 99 Denver 83

CRICKET

CASTLE CUP (third day of four): Paarl: Boland 231 and 121-6; Western Province 422 (H Gibbs 112, H D Ackerman 84, J Commins 57, D Rundle 50, M Erasmus 5-87) East London: Free State 188 and 167 (S Pope 7-62), Border 301 (P Strydom 58, K Venter 4-86) and 55-0 Border beat Free State by ten wickets.

DARTS

PURFLEET, Essex: Vernons Pools world championship: Group one: P Taylor (Eng) bt C Lazarenko (Eng) 3-0 Group two: S Downe (US) bt K Spodek (Eng) 3-0 Group five: L Butler (US) bt R Harrington (Eng) 3-2 Group six: B Anderson (Eng) bt G Warner (US) 3-1 Group seven: A Warriner (Eng) bt S Brown (US) 3-0

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Manchester United 2 Newcastle United 0, Bolton 0 Leeds 2.

ICIS LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Bognor Regis v Tooting and Mitcham. Second division: Ware 2 Chesham 2 Postponed: Met Police v Hampton

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Millwall 2 Oxford United 4 Postponed: Chelsea v Southampton; Crystal Palace v Bristol City; Portsmouth v Ipswich, Queens Park Rangers v Charlton, Swindon v Norwich.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Horsham YMCA v Mile Oak; Langney Sports v Stamco

HOCKEY

DUNDEE: Indoor tournament: Insight Menzies Hill 9, Bat Inns 3; Torbrex Wanderers 11, Dita Travellers 6, Touche Ross Gordonians 3, Old Loughtonians 6

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Dundalk v Derry (7.45).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier League under-16 trophy: Essex v Buckinghamshire (Cogenhoe, 11.0), Hampshire v Berkshire (Studland Road, Southampton, 2.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Worthing v Newcastle (8.0)

DARTS: WDC championship (Circus Tavern, Purfleet).

HOCKEY: Menzies Hill indoor tournament (Dick McTaggart SC, Dundee, 10.15pm) Under-17, under-15 divisional tournament (Bristol). Womens under-21 territorial tournament (Aurora SC, Rotherham, 9.30): East v North; South v Midlands (11.30); West v East (1.30); North v Midlands (3.30). Woman's under-18 and under-16 territorial tournaments (Concord SC, Sheffield, 10.0)

SNOOKER: Dr Martens European League (Diamond Centre, Irthlingborough)

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Ottawa 4 Buffalo 3, New Jersey 5 NY Islanders 3; Calgary 4 Toronto 0; Edmonton 3 Philadelphia 2; Los Angeles 7 Anaheim 1.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield 9 Humberside 5.

WORCESTER, Massachusetts: World junior championships:

GROUP A: Ukraine 4 United States 3, Canada 2 Switzerland 1

	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Canada	2	0	0	4	8	2
Finland	1	0	0	2	5	1
Ukraine	1	0	0	2	4	3
Switzerland	0	0	2	0	2	7
United States	0	0	2	0	4	10

GROUP B: Slovakia 3 Russia 3; Czech Republic 6 Germany 3.

	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Czech Republic	2	0	0	4	11	6
Sweden	1	0	0	2	8	0
Russia	0	1	1	1	6	8
Slovakia	0	1	1	1	3	9
Germany	0	0	1	0	3	6

SKI JUMPING

OBERHOF, Germany: World Cup: 90m: 1, M A Laitinen (Fin) (121m and 126.5) 241.5pts; 2, A-P Nikkola (Fin) (115, 121.5) 229.4; 3, J Weissflog (Ger) (116.5, 120) 224.9. World Cup standings: 1, Laitinen 578pts, 2, Nikkola 560; 3, J Ahonen (Fin) 390; 4, M Harada (Japan) 371; 5, H Saitoh (Japan) 252; 6, A Goldberger (Austria) 249

SNOOKER

IRTHLINGBOROUGH: Dr Martens European League: S Davis (Eng) bt R O'Sullivan (Eng) 5-3, Frame scores (Davis first): 60-57 65-1 84-49 13-96 0-79 13-62 86-4 62-61

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	30	70	good	powder	art	sun	-8	27/12
(Superb skiing in cold winter sunshine; some lift queues)								
Mayrhofen	0	40	good	varied	closed	sun	-6	27/12
(Most pistes in good shape: very cold, -15C at 2,000m)								
Obergurgl	70	100	good	varied	icy	sun	-10	27/12
(Very cold but sunny with excellent piste skiing)								
St Anton	15	190	good	powder	icy	sun	-10	27/12
(Pistes well groomed and skiing well: resort very busy)								
Schladming	40	50	good	powder	good	sun	-5	27/12
(Good skiing on well prepared pistes: all lifts open)								
Söll	20	60	good	varied	closed	sun	-11	27/12
(Excellent skiing on all open runs: 80/90 lifts open)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	30	120	fair	varied	icy	snow	-3	28/12
(Best skiing on top runs, pistes very icy low down)								
Chamonix	10	170	fair	varied	closed	fine	-1	27/12
(Good skiing on open runs, plenty of moguls and hard snow)								
Megève	10	30	worn	none	closed	cloud	-2	27/12
(Still only a handful of runs open, more snow needed)								
Val d'Isère	65	130	good	powder	fair	snow	-4	28/12
(Good snow on most runs but avalanche danger persisting)								
Val Thorens	45	95	good	varied	fair	snow	-3	28/12
(Excellent snow on mid and upper runs, some rocks low down)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	40	250	good	powder	good	fine	-4	27/12
(Fresh snow and low temperatures giving great skiing)								
SWITZERLAND								
Mürren	30	120	good	powder	good	fine	-7	27/12
(Good skiing everywhere with powder at all altitudes)								
Wengen	50	60	good	powder	fair	fair	-4	27/12
(Virtually whole ski area open, great conditions)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes, U - upper, art - artificial.

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David Miller looks back on a memorable 1995 and considers the year in prospect

Olympians emerge with Georgia on their minds



The gloves are off for Tyson, left, and Bruno, who are preparing to meet in March. The bout provides the British boxer with a last chance to make an indelible impression on the sport

Knock, knock. Who's there? Shouaa. Shouaa who? You shouaa will be hearing more of me. The thrill of sport has always been the emergence of new, sometimes unexpected champions. Guada Shouaa, Syria's first world champion athlete when she won the heptathlon in Gothenburg this year, is symptomatic of a slowly changing sporting stage, just as is Costantino Rocca.

The developing world of Asia and Africa is increasingly going to challenge the dominance by the European-American, Anglo-Saxon axis in the past century. And I do not just mean questionable Chinese swimmers, seemingly jointless Kenyan runners from high in the Rift Valley, or footballers from Cameroon or Nigeria.

Sport in the 21st century is likely to expand, like commerce, around the Pacific Rim. Philippine boxers, Korean footballers and others will help to prevent international sport becoming no more than a branch of television entertainment, which is the danger of what is becoming a satellite television "closed shop". The survival of network coverage, as maintained by the Olympic Games and recently demanded domestically by Lord Howell, is vital.

There is a tendency to analyse sport as being part of some social syndrome: a decline in patriotism, say, should England lose a few cricket matches, or the United States get beaten at ice hockey. In fact, sport is a series of events, intensely dramatised by the result being uncertain, between individuals or teams of varying technique and temperament, which pleasurably confuses the equation.

Dozens of interpretations were heaped upon the rugby union World Cup when the fascination was primarily the result. Australia, the holders, were harpooned by Rob Andrew's late dropped goal; England, the pretenders, received the rhino treatment from Lomu and New Zealand; and white South Africa, inspired by a black president in a Springbok shirt, proved New Zealand were human after all.

The future of rugby is more clouded by the so-called television bonanza than any sport, the constitution of World Cup teams even threatened. Of more instant concern, at home, is whether Jack Rowell, the England manager, can at last produce the open game so long promised. England's performance in the forthcoming championship — that private northern hemisphere club of five nations that will ultimately become as redundant as the British football championship if rugby is to mean anything globally — will be his sternest test yet.

Sport can be ghoulish in its verdicts, in the occasional suddenness of outcome. It has been said it is war by another name. It is also an alternative to execution, for which thousands used to gather. I do not mean to be macabre in drawing this association with boxing, given the possibility of death in the ring, yet boxing's appeal is the absolute demonstration of man's courage, the theatrical creation of fortitude. Few events in 1996 will generate such speculation as the meeting in March of Mike Tyson and Frank Bruno.

My boyhood was punctuated by the vain attempts of home boxers such as Bruce Woodcock and Don Cockell to emulate Bob Fitzsimmons, the last genuine British champion of the world. None has come as close as Tommy Farr, in 1937, one of only three boxers to take Joe Louis the distance as challenger. The part-titles won by Lennox Lewis and Bruno are imitations of the real thing.

Tyson was the last unified champion. After failures against James Smith, Tim Witherspoon and Tyson, this is the last chance for the amiable Bruno to be remembered more for boxing than for pantomime.

There was drama and honour in 1995 elsewhere besides Cape Town and Johannesburg. Peter Blake and his *Black Magic* Kiwi crew won the America's Cup, defeating the manipulative Dennis Conner, never mind his switching of boats and rules. Blake promised a fair competition in 1997 and may well thereby have rescued the oldest of international events.

Seldom has golf seen such a year as at the Masters, the Open and the Ryder Cup. Ben Crenshaw helped to bear his mentor, Harvey Penick, to his grave, then won at Augusta for the second time with inimitable resolve. John Daly became James Dean-turned-Jimmy Stewart when he survived Rocca's extraordinary putt at the 18th to win the play-off at St Andrews.



Rocca: golfing heroism

Daly failed to make the United States team which subsequently, in excruciating suspense, lost the Ryder Cup for only the second time at home. In spite of a year of difficulties on and off the course, Nick Faldo's 90-yard pitch to the final green at Oak Hill, Rochester, will go down in memory as one of the finest shots in history under intolerable pressure. Rocca, alleged rabbit of 1993, emerged as one of several heroes, saying haltingly: "I made 11 friends more." Many thousands, actually.

Tennis is a sport in which alpha always seems to meet beta in the final, and desperately needs Monica Seles back at her peak, plus half a dozen others from somewhere. The same goes for the men's game. Steffi Graf, the winner, and Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, in a 20-minute single game at Wimbledon, produced one of the highlights of 1995, anywhere. Pete Sampras, predictably, aced his way past all — which was hardly blameworthy — for a third consecutive Wimbledon title and, wearing what looked like a tramp's shirt for commercial reasons, almost single-handedly won the Davis Cup for the United States against Russia.

The athletics world championships, unashamedly treated by many competitors as a warm-up for a) the centenary Olympics or b) the immediately succeeding, financially loaded grand prix in Europe, were nonetheless memorable, even if a ten-day schedule was four days too long to sustain interest.

Besides Shouaa, there was the exceptional 800-metre triumph over adversity by Ana Quirot, the Cuban recovering from horrific burns, an imperious one-lap victory by the elegant Perec and the astonishing 400 metres hurdles duel, in the absence of Sally Gunnell, in which Kim Batten beat Tonja Buford by inches. Both surpassed Gunnell's world record in a performance forecast by none.

Michael Johnson, with a 200 metres-400 metres double that looked as simple as a Ferrari against Fords, will aim for the same in Atlanta, while Wilson Kipketer, the Kenyan adopted by Denmark, may at last in 1996 break Sebastian Coe's 17-year hold on the 800 metres world record — though probably not in Georgia.



Johnson: simple double

If Atlanta is the success I expect — after brilliant festivals in Los Angeles, Seoul and Barcelona — it will be due to the unobserved diligence of the operational director, A. D. Frazier, the co-ordinator of President Carter's election campaign. The Games are now financially secure for at least another 12 years, thanks to the recent $2 billion investment gamble of the NBC network. I grow increasingly weary of the jaundiced, casual criticism by the majority of the press of Olympic commercialism, which coincidentally provides them with the best media facilities to be enjoyed at any event.

One waits to see whether the innocent, appealing naivety of Jonathan Edwards can endure the expectation that will now be placed upon him for Atlanta. His triple jump of 18.29 metres is like some verification of Wilson of the *Wizard*, and his emergence is to be greeted if nothing else for diverting attention from the superb, yet ungrateful Linford Christie, whose autobiography seeks to place him somewhere between Moses and the Almighty.

My emotional allegiance next year will be with Steve Redgrave, bidding with Matthew Pinsent for a third consecutive gold rowing medal which would put him equal with or beyond Coe in terms of Olympic achievements.

None will forget 1995 for Michael Atherton's Himalayan innings in Johannesburg, for me the achievement of the year. After some creditable performances against West Indies, England are grinding towards respectability against South Africa under Atherton's leadership. The imminent World Cup is a sideshow, and I look forward to further regained status against India, Pakistan and Australia at home in 1996 and 1997.

And football. This has been the year of Cantona and the seagulls; of Jack Walker buying the league title for inconsistent, small-town Blackburn; of Kevin Keegan and his entrepreneurial chairman, Sir John Hall, making Newcastle United, nearly, the great club it should be; of Ajax showing everyone how to produce young footballers who can play the game; and of Terry Venables trying to make bricks without straw in preparation for the European championship finals.

It is to be hoped that the finals of 1996 will exhibit England as the dignified home of football rather than of hooliganism. The title may well be won by somebody new, such as Portugal or Croatia, and the tournament should provide a platform for Lennart Johansson, of Sweden, to become an altruistic new president of Fifa, the game's world governing body. Whether the Football Association can unearth a chairman suitable to replace the veteran Sir Bert Millichip, and capable of stabilising a commercial free-for-all, remains to be seen.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Traditional style driven out

From Mr Simon Palmer

Sir, What has happened to the laws of football?

As an amateur player for some 30 years and a qualified referee (lapsed) I am dismayed to see the game reduced to the level of non-physical combat, overseen by over-zealous officials.

The paying public are as confused as the players. Foul play is penalised quite properly by free kicks and spot kicks; deliberate violence, foul and abusive language and retaliation are quite correctly dealt with by yellow and red cards.

However, the indiscriminate brandishing of these coloured cards for even the most innocuous contact is much to be deplored as time and again we witness physical play interpreted by officials waving their cards, reducing the entertainment value to the paying customers and changing the tempo of the game.

English football is physical; it is a part of the national character where aggression and skill combine to provide a fine competitive sport enjoyed by millions for over 100 years. There seems to be a deliberate attempt by the officials to stamp out the aggression so necessary, in my opinion, to the spirit of the game.

The continental style of elaborate passing and possession is anathema to the English game. In trying to emulate that style of play we become confused and tentative and all too frequently come off second best.

If we are not allowed to follow our traditional style of play by the prohibition of physical contact, supported by officious, misguided referees, then our national game is in peril.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON PALMER,
5 Courtside, N8.

Prime principles

From Mr Roy Walton

Sir, Michael Henderson, aesthete, social philosopher, litterateur, descants on the deformities of English football (December 18).

Granted the Aston Villa v Coventry game was messy, ill-affording the absence of Yorke after 34 minutes. Richardson's departure also contributed to the disjointed nature of the play.

As for the crosses which Johnson and Draper provided for the second and third goals, had they been merely "decent", Milosevic would have missed them. Villa were not at their best but they were good enough to win emphatically.

Their manager will probably not infer from the margin of victory that Villa are a side of quality throughout. Neither should Michael Henderson deduce, from his personal perception of one football match, prime principles of sport in general, human behaviour and life as a whole.

Yours faithfully,
ROY WALTON,
14 Shelley Road,
Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire.

From Mr Anthony Radevsky

Sir, I expect Terry Venables hopes that Michael Henderson (Sporting Resolutions, December 28) learns that nouns are declined and verbs are conjugated.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY RADEVSKY,
5 Bell Yard, WC2.

Options for rugby clubs

From Mr Denis Ryan

Sir, Nobody has yet suggested that senior rugby union clubs consider the televising of every single league match, with only one played on a Saturday and the others on four different evenings.

The advantages include:

1. Welcome extra income of perhaps £500,000 per annum to each club to help to solve the player-payment problem.
2. Improved analysis of opposition strengths and weaknesses by coaches and players who could video and scrutinise every detail of strategy and tactics.
3. Increased viewing opportunities for rugby enthusiasts, who can still support their own club by attendance on match days if they so wish.

Drawbacks include:

1. The inability of some supporters to attend midweek games, particularly away.
2. The tedious, boring nature of some games which could be a turn-off for non-partisan viewers.
3. The difficulty of changing the habit of a lifetime which may be required as the price of progress.

The example of professional football has shown that such changes are possible, but it remains to be seen whether the rugby union world is ready for it, even if the television companies are willing to take the risk.

As I approach my seventies, the prospect of continuing my own interest and support in this way has a certain comforting appeal that could brighten long winter evenings.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS RYAN,
13 Otho Court,
Augustus Close,
Brentford, Middlesex.

Interests of coaches must also be protected

From Mr Jake Downey

Sir, The National Coaching Foundation (NCF) was stretching a point in its claims that it and the National Association of Sports Coaches (NASC) have jointly published a code of ethics and conduct and that they may discipline coaches for gross misconduct (report, December 7).

First, there is only one organisation, the NCF, which is an educational charity largely funded by the Sports Council as its "coaching arm". The NASC does not exist. It is the name given to the membership services section of the NCF and is used to attract coaches into joining the NCF in the belief that they are actually joining an association of coaches.

Once they are on board, the NCF collects the subscriptions and has a captive membership to whom it can sell its services and increase its income. NASC has no legal status, no formal constitution or articles of association, no autonomy or independence, no authority and powers. It is a charade and the coaches who join it are being misled. Sadly the Sports Council, which has been fully informed of the situation, continues to provide funding to the NCF to run the NASC.

Second, the NCF has no authority to discipline coaches. Such authority could be invested in an independent coaches association if one legally existed. Unfortunately there is no such association since the demise of the British Institute of Sports Coaches, which was supposed to merge with the NCF in 1993 but was taken over and then effectively destroyed by the NCF.

It is unlikely that there will be an independent association of coaches in the near future as such a body would depend on some funding from the Sports Council which it has refused to provide.

For the present the interests and welfare of sports participants are protected by the many governing bodies of sport who have implemented the code of ethics and conduct published by the late British Institute of Sports Coaches which provides necessary ethical guidelines for coaches. It is important, however, that any code of ethics and conduct also protects the interests of coaches. In this respect, perhaps, the Sports Council would join me in advising the NCF to practice what it is apparently preaching.

The NCF could start by disclosing the full truth about NASC to coaches in the leaflets and articles it publishes. This would remove the confusion and allow coaches to make an informed decision about whether or not they want to pay substantial membership fees to join the NCF.

Yours faithfully,
JAKE DOWNEY (International badminton coach),
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True Blues

From Mr S. C. Coles

Sir, In an age of "pyjama" kits for merchandising purposes, what a pleasure to see the Oxford side in the recent Varsity rugby match playing in identical colours to those worn by the sides I played in forty years ago. Cambridge made some sort of deviation on their left sleeves!

Perhaps Oxford will continue to exemplify the best of the "old" game in the new age.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN COLES
(Oxford Blue 1954, 1956, 1957),
82 Rotherfield Way,
Caversham,
Reading, Berkshire.

Decline and rise

From Mr Nick Milner-Gulland

Sir, You reported (December 18) on the improved quality of Oxbridge cricketers' exam results. Could this be related to the decline in the quality of their cricket?

Yours faithfully,
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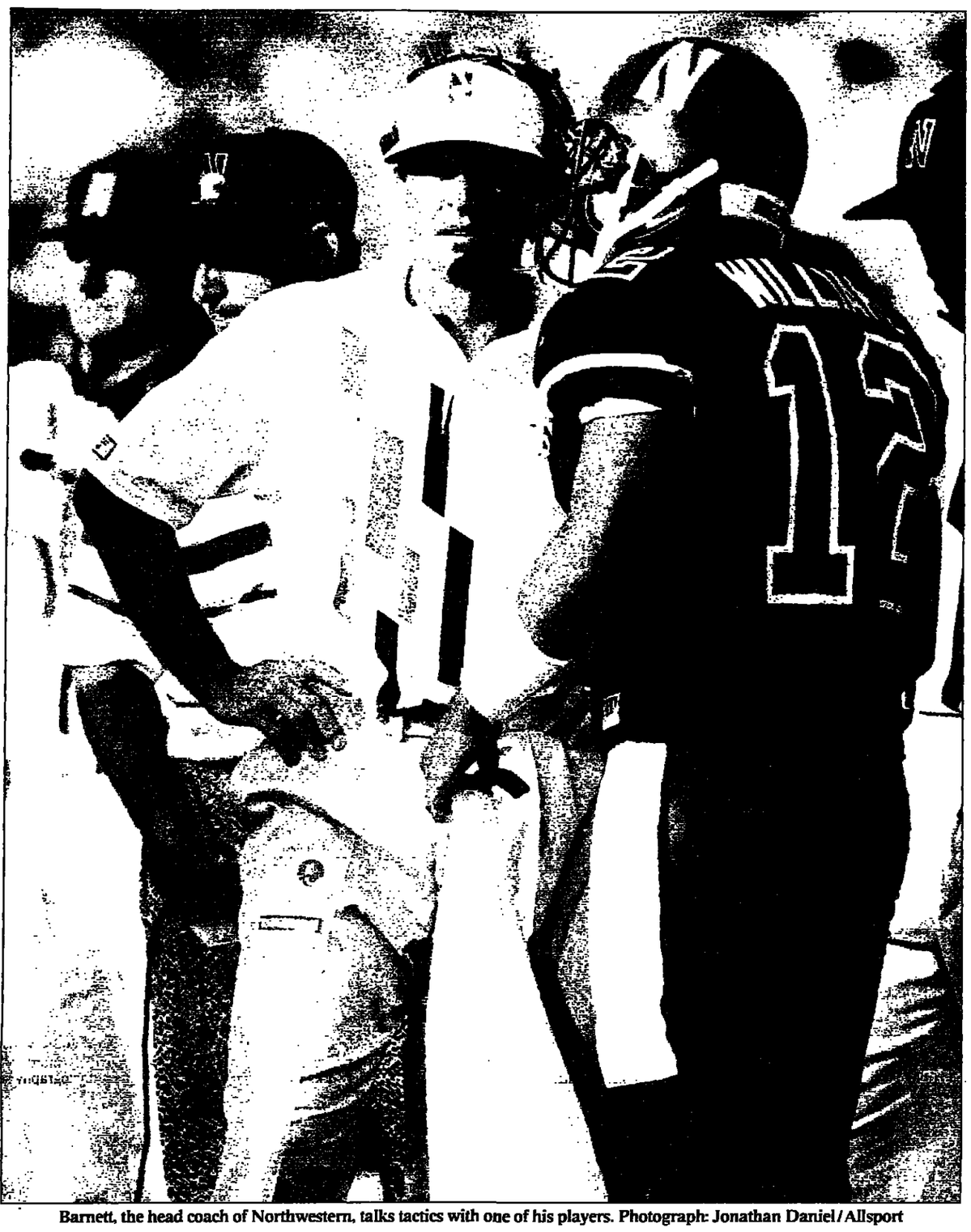
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PLYMOUTH SKI CLUB

Underdogs spread delight by reaching college football's showpiece event

Rose Bowl ready to witness purple reign

Oliver Holt on the undergraduates facing a stern examination of their sporting talents



Barnett, the head coach of Northwestern, talks tactics with one of his players. Photograph: Jonathan Daniel/Allsport

At the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel on the Pacific coast south of the vast urban sprawl of Los Angeles, the members of a young American football team awoke from a dream this week as they prepared for the match of their lives. Against all the odds and to the delight of the country, the underdogs from unheralded Northwestern University in their distinctive purple kits have made it to the most famous undergraduate contest in the United States, the Rose Bowl. It is as if a small college crew had barged its way into the Boat Race.

After years of under-achievement, season after season of finishing with a record of no wins and 11 defeats, the team, also known as the Wildcats, came out fighting this year. In the space of three months they beat the giants of college football. First, Notre Dame in September, then Michigan in October and finally Penn State.

Now they will meet the University of Southern California (USC), the best of the Pacific division, on New Year's Day in Pasadena in an event that is half pageant, half sporting occasion, and try to put the icing on the cake. They will be watched by a crowd of 100,000 and 200 million television viewers across the world.

Back in Evanston, Illinois, a suburb on the northwestern edge of Chicago that is home to the university of just 7,500 undergraduates, (almost exactly half the number at USC) they can hardly believe it.

College football is big in the United States, a different world to university sport in this country. It plays to partisan sell-out crowds, its stars are the Steve Youngs and Emmitt Smiths of the future, and to the students of each institution, the team is a source of collective pride.

Northwestern have done it without compromising their academic standards, too. This is not a situation like the one portrayed in the film *Blue Chips* where a struggling college basketball coach drafts in a brilliant player from the ghetto — played by Shaquille O'Neal — and attempts to hide his lack of intelligence. At Northwestern, who have only appeared at the Rose Bowl once before, in 1949, there are 12 engineers on the team and one in the theatre course. Exam results are improving, not slipping.

And when the talk of Cinderella and fairy-stories is over, as with everything in the United States there is a commercial bonus in there, too. Already there has been a 23 per cent rise in early applications from potential students for Northwestern and calls have been particularly heavy on the Mondays after weekend games. When the university needed $90 million (about £58 million) for the unromantic job of renovating the engineering building, it came in double quick.

The enthusiasm is easy to understand. Northwestern finished the season with ten wins and just one loss. It won the league known as the Big Ten, the competition for all the biggest and best college teams in the Midwest. On the day when it needed Michigan to score an unlikely win over Ohio State to give them a place in the Rose Bowl, every store on Central Sreet, Evanston, apart from the Christian Science Reading Room, had a team pennant in the window. Michigan came through and the townsfolk flung roses into the air.

Much of the credit for the turnaround has been given to the Wildcats coach, Gary Barnett. When Barnett, now in his fourth year in the post, promised to "take the Purple to Pasadena" when he took over, most people laughed. Now other colleges and even National Football League teams are queueing up to try to recruit him.

"I guess what I have tried to explain to everyone else who has asked," Barnett said in Newport Beach, "is that our programme and our players are operating on heartbeat. They all have a great deal of respect for each other.

"But there was a plan and part of the plan included creating some continuity. It was a matter of selling the team to get people to come here and then getting everybody to buy into what it would take to accomplish our goals.

"It has been a bit like a circus throughout the last third of the season because it looked as though there was a possibility we might make it to the Rose Bowl. There has been a lot of hoopla. There is speculation about me, too, I know. But one of the things that has gotten us where we are is that we have been able to keep things in perspective. We are about to play in the Rose Bowl and I do not need my mind cluttered with other thoughts right now.

"I am still learning about my team. They beat Notre Dame and they beat Michigan and Penn State and ever since then, they have faced a challenge that none of them has faced before. Normally, this type of thing has to evolve with time but we have just skipped first and second grades and gone right on with it.

"This is a special group of guys. There are things you don't have to teach them, things they know how to handle. And right now, they don't want to taste losing again."

The university president, Henry Bienen, also deserves a pat on the back. His first big fund-raising campaign produced $20 million to update the crumbling football stadium and build an indoor practice facility for the athletic department. Both helped Barnett to attract players of the calibre of Darnell Autry, a running back, the kind of elite recruit who would not have returned phone calls from Northwestern in previous years.

'This is a special group of guys. There are things you don't have to teach them, things they know how to handle'

"The success of the team has been a binding experience," Bienen said. "It creates a good feeling on campus. It hooks people to an institution and there aren't so many things that do that today.

"Our alumni should be proud when we hire a great professor of chemistry. But you're not going to get on the front page of the *Chicago Tribune* for that. That's what happened after we beat Notre Dame."

So New Year's Day beckons. There are 18 other college bowls up for grabs including the prestigious Fiesta Bowl between the unbeaten Nebraska and Florida.

But while the big boys such as Penn State, Ohio State and Michigan contest also-ran trophies, their significance mirrored in the ordinariness of names such as Citrus Bowl and Outback Bowl, Northwestern will take their place in the sun in Pasadena, yet another chance for the nation to lose itself in the elusive idea of the American Dream.

☐ *The Rose Bowl can be seen live on the NBC Super Channel starting at 11pm on January 1.*

Changing weather threatens Sayonara's record bid

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

LARRY ELLISON brought his American maxi yacht, *Sayonara*, to Australia with one thought in mind — to break the 20-year-old Sydney-to-Hobart race record. It was a meticulously planned operation, with no expense spared, but yesterday, with 138 nautical miles to go to the finish line in Tasmania, Ellison's chances of success were firmly in the lap of the gods. Unpredictable weather was threatening to make or break his attempt.

Leading the Australian maxi, *Brindabella*, by 23 nautical miles and with the rest of the 93-strong fleet strung out behind, *Sayonara* was concentrating on the target of 2 days 14hr 36min 50sec set by *Kialoa*, skippered by Jim Kilroy, in 1975. At the same stage of the record-setting race, *Kialoa* was just two nautical miles ahead of *Sayonara*'s 1995 position. The yacht would have to finish by 3:36am local time today to win the £120,000 on offer for a new record.

For a while, as increasing winds improved *Sayonara*'s position overnight, it seemed Ellison's chances of celebrating with his crew, which includes his friend, Rupert Murdoch, the chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, were encouraging. Then, however, the wind eased and the doubts returned, despite optimistic noises from the organisers that *Sayonara* still has the record in sight.

"It could be difficult. The weather is all over the place," a race official said. "There has been a forecast of stronger westerly winds coming through early this evening and that might give her a kick along."

Sayonara, the 78ft Bruce Farr-designed sloop, may need it. There is still some difficult sailing ahead in the 630-mile event, with a constant threat of savage squalls around Storm Bay in the approaches to Hobart. There is also a tricky run up the Derwent River between high hills to the finish, with tired crews having to watch for strong wind gusts that the locals call "bullets".

Race organisers issued a whale alert to the fleet yesterday after a pod of up to 40 animals was sighted off the Tasmanian coast near to the course of the race. Already five yachts have hit either whales, sunfish or other objects in the run that started from Sydney harbour on Tuesday. Two of those yachts pulled out with rudder and hull damage — five have withdrawn from the race altogether.

London to take strong tour party

THE London and Middlesex Rifle Association, which starts an Australasia tour on January 3, has such a wide membership that its tour team includes leading international shots from the Great Britain, England, Scotland and Channel Islands teams (Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent writes).

The team captain is David Cole (Great Britain, Warwickshire and RAF) with George Cann (Great Britain and Devon) as vice-captain and Bob Aitken, general secretary of the Scottish Sports Association, as adjutant. Two other leading Scottish internationals in the team are Colin McEachran and Jim Scobie.

The team's wide range of experience is demonstrated by the inclusion of Cliff Mallett, who has shot for Jersey for 40 years as well as competing in three Commonwealth Games and captaining the Channel Islands in the world championship last year.

The team also includes Martin Townsend, who was in the Great Britain team that won the world title in New Zealand last year.

TOUR PARTY: D Cole (captain), G Cann (vice-captain), R Aitken (adjutant), N Bell, P Barry, R Betts, N Bratsiss, E Brice, R Coffin, P Coley, G Jarvie, N Hinchliffe, C Mallett, C McEachran, C Paul, J Scobie, M Townsend, S Clark, R Stafford, A Pitcher.

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GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

Today, Cardiff travel to Dublin to play Leinster and Swansea fly to Toulouse before taking the field in the semi-finals of the Heineken Cup tomorrow. Encapsulated in that sentence, which could not have been written three months ago, lies yet another sign of rugby's shifting times — so many swift changes in so brief a span.

The familiar domestic arrangement of fixtures that was sustainable in an amateur era could not conceivably continue once the game became professional. Now, finance needs to be generated; standards need to rise. The search for both is necessary if rugby is to prosper as a professional sport. Europe beckoned.

In its first year, competitive European club rugby has only the merest pretentions to international sophistication, but the five participating countries were brave enough to take the first hesitant step to inaugurate a tournament with European dimensions. It was necessary.

France, Ireland, Italy, Romania and Wales felt that to delay would have paved the way for a renegade operation to take the lead. England and Scotland hesitated, but will be included next season. Their rugby, too, will need the revenue; their players need the experience of a different level of competition and to play across several borders.

The attitude of the English has been curious. They give the impression that they accept only grudgingly the need for a competition beyond their domestic fixtures.

This is something that clubs in Wales have been aware of for several seasons. When those clubs feared that they were becoming too insular — a condition that encouraged a narrow perspective as well as the in-breeding of tactics — and began floating ideas about expanding their playing horizons to promote an Anglo-Welsh league and possibly more, a spokesman for the English clubs would have none of it. The problem of parochialism, that was perceived to be an infection peculiar to Welsh rugby, was none of theirs; all was thought to be well with England's world. Yet we were left to wonder.

England can boast the most comprehensive league system in the world, but its clubs still have as much need as anyone else of a wider, international, canvas. They need European competition; they have now missed a season.

'The chase for the top has a new meaning'

The playing standard of English clubs is not, nor has it been, as uniformly high as some care to think. No club has managed to dominate so successfully the domestic season in Wales, say, or France as have Bath in England. They have been Courage league champions five out of eight times and have won the knockout cup nine times in 11 years. If this says much in Bath's favour, it hints just as strongly of the consistent failure of others. In contrast, Toulouse, who have won the championship more than any other club in France, have done so only 12 times since 1912.

Whatever weaknesses have been inherent among English clubs — as in Wales, those clubs that regularly attain high standards are numbered on the fingers of one hand — they could be camouflaged by the success of the national team. Tactically, however, the national team was found wanting in the World Cup. Any reassessment, therefore, might have been better achieved within the European context.

It is certainly forcing Wales to do so. The Heineken Cup insists that the clubs lift their sights beyond their backyard. It also changes the pace of the treadmill on which clubs meet each other regularly and know, more or less, what to expect. Furthermore, the tournament is whetting the appetite, not only of those clubs that are participating, but also of those that are not and that can only look on enviously.

It has, for instance, given greater urgency to Llanelli's season. Gareth Jenkins, their coach, states clearly that Europe is where his and his club's ambitions lie. They are playing with speed and panache. So are Neath. The chase for the top places in Wales's Heineken League has taken on a new meaning. Prestige not merely within Wales is the key, but within Europe. That is the stage on which they now wish to perform.

The World Cup may provide a global inspiration, but the Heineken Cup tournament, because of the immediacy of its impact on clubs, could well have a more profound influence on the players and the lifting of standards within Europe.

It is encouraging that Benetton Treviso restricted Toulouse, the French champions, to 18-9 after being three times in the lead. This seems to confirm the continuing development of the game in Italy.

So far, there has been little television coverage. Matches have been shown live in the Welsh language on S4C with an additional hour-long edited highlights programme in English on HTV. The percentage of viewers has encouragingly been on a par with networked sports programmes at this time. Interest, inevitably, has grown steadily with the progress of the Welsh clubs. Crowds at the games in Wales have averaged 4,000.

Not the least of the Welsh clubs' problems this weekend is that, if they are to reach the final, they must travel overseas. This is a big test for Cardiff and Swansea, who play well in their home surroundings of the Arms Park and St Helens. Travel is something to which they now must grow accustomed.

Clubs can kindle optimism for Ireland on wider front

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

COULD it be a happy new year for Ireland, a nation whose rugby players have hardly glimpsed a dawn, never mind a false one, over the last decade? The five nations' championship is three weeks away, but the last weekend of the old year may offer cause for optimism.

Leinster, playing on the familiar turf of Lansdowne Road, appear in the semi-finals of the inaugural Heineken Cup tomorrow, while at Sunbury, London Irish will put themselves in line for promotion to the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship if they can beat their old rivals, London Scottish.

Successes on either front would not assure Ireland of better times to come, but they would be distinctly useful building blocks. That Cardiff stand in the way of Leinster's progress may give pause for thought, but the Welshmen, who have pressed so hard for a European competition, will respect the Irish province's unbeaten record in ten matches this season.

Last weekend, they were crowned provincial champions for the first time in 12 years and yesterday were the first of the European contenders to name their team, which shows only two changes from that which squeezed past Pontypridd 23-22 earlier this month. Ciaran Clarke comes in at full back and Steve Jameson at lock forward, replacing Conor O'Shea and Brian Rigney respectively.

Victory would pose something of a problem for Leinster, however. Ireland leave on Sunday for a week-long training camp in Atlanta, culminating in a full international against the United States on January 6, and would require their Leinster players. Those not needed for the international would be released for the Heineken Cup final on January 7, but the likes of Neil Francis, Paul Wallace, Kurt McQuilkin and Niall Woods would be unavailable.

Leinster are counting no chickens and will resolve, in consultation with the Ireland management, what may be done as and when they have played Cardiff. Should they reach the final, the one player they would hope to have available is Alain Rolland, the Blackrock College scrum half, who has been playing the best rugby of his career this season and has overtaken Niall Hogan, at least in provincial terms.



Rolland: key player

O'Shea is free to play at full back for London Irish tomorrow, should the weather allow their game to go ahead. The club management is keen it should, not only for the crowd they are certain to attract but because London Scottish look vulnerable after their unexpected defeat by Nottingham in the Pilkington Cup last Saturday.

Victory would put Irish level on league points but ahead on points difference, second to the runaway leaders of the division, Northampton. Their only doubt is at No 8, where Aaron Verling is likely to get the nod because Barry Walsh has flu.

Clive Woodward, their coach, is confident about his team's potential. "In my opinion we are three or four players short of where Northampton are at the moment," he said. "I'm building a back line which, I believe, will be brilliant, without any additions. What we lack are some big-hitters in the forwards but London Irish is, potentially, one of the most powerful clubs in the country, as well-equipped as most in playing, coaching and financial terms."

Competition among the backs will be improved by the addition, since the University match, of two key Oxford University personnel, Tyrone Howe and David Humphreys. Both registered for London Irish early in the season and are immediately available. More than just the club selectors would be interested in their progress.

LEINSTER (v Cardiff): G Clarke (Terenure College), P Gavin (Old Belvedere), V Cunningham (St Mary's College), K McQuillan (Bective Rangers), N Woods (Blackrock College), A McGowan (Blackrock College), A Rolland (Blackrock College), H Hurley (Old Wesley), S Byrne (Blackrock College), P Wallace (Blackrock College), C Pim (Old Wesley, captain), S Jameson (St Mary's College), N Francis (Old Belvedere), S Rooney (Lansdowne), V Costello (St Mary's College).

When slush provides a fund of stories



FREUD ON FRIDAY



Snow and mud produce suitably challenging conditions for Gemini BC's post-Christmas cyclo-cross. Photographs: Marc Aspland

Ben Paton won the Gemini BC post-Christmas cyclo-cross at Footscray outdoor activity centre ... which is a substantial area of greenery, at present whitery, off the London-Folkestone Road not far from Sidcup.

Always well-attended, the Gemini event, and contested since its inception in 1969 by the French, who send over two coaches filled with professional Frenchmen making the sort of festive grunting noises you associate with truffle hounds. They bring wives, not necessarily their own, and children, and fill the luggage compartments of the vehicles with cross-bikes and mountain-bikes and spare wheels; also baguettes from the *boulangeries* of the Pas-de-Calais, which is their region.

Paton, wearing a red jersey with darkish spots, led from the start, headed the other 80 riders for the regulation one hour of undulating circuits and kept in front on the final lap, to the quiet satisfaction of the home crowd and the disappointment of the visitors, who had come equipped with the wherewithal of celebration: motor horns mounted on sticks, louder and less inhibited voices than have our supporters and the odd container filled with more serious stuff than coffee.

I had telephoned the organisers early on Wednesday morning to inquire whether the event would survive the weather. A foolish question: cyclo-cross is about providing difficult terrain for racing. Had there not been snow and slush, frozen paths and trees cascading snow when you least expect, the contest would have been the poorer.

What is wholly admirable about cyclo-cross is that the suits who determined the composition of events decreed that before every open race there would be competitions for juveniles and juniors. This encourages the young to participate, feeds talent into the sport and provides an enthusiastic claque to cheer on the stars. Would that this was adopted by other disciplines.

And so it came to pass that at 11.30am, a man with a whistle and a loud voice summoned the under-12s to approach the starting line for a race of about one mile: down the path to the far railings, around some trees and then off to the right and back up the hill to the finish, which is the same line as the start. Were there any questions?

I wanted to ask about the French boy who had quietly taken his place in pole position. He looked 15, wore a yellow jersey containing the names of sponsors: his bike had 21 gears, his face wore the expression of "been there, done that".

"Is it that he is truly under 12 years old?" I asked the French *chef d'équipe*, explaining that my question concerned only le fair play.

I received a Gallic shrug: what do you want me to do?

Ask him, I suggested.

"When is your birthday?" he asked the lad.

April 3.

There you are, said the man. April 3.

Next to him on a junior mountain-bike sat Kelly Garoghan, who was nine, whom nobody would expect to be other than nine.

"Do you get anything if you win?" she asked the organiser. Yes, he said: there are prizes. She put on her helmet and concentrated on prizes. Three smallish English boys, Ben Ponzio, Matt and Daniel, appeared to be our best hopes, and at the end of the line stood Emma wearing a helmet but without a bike. Emma is eight. "Dad's locked the bike in the boot of his car," she explained, and a search party was dispatched to find Dad. Her brother, John, bike-less also, borrowed a bike from a juvenile rider; volunteers came with spanners to lower the saddle but it never looked as if this would be a dangerous combination.

In the fullness of time Emma and her bike were united, the course re-explained, the whistle blown for the off. Remy shot into the lead, Ben raced along behind, Matt and Daniel and Kelly followed. Emma was riding like someone expecting the rest of the field to fall, steered a steady and sedate path some 200 yards behind the others. John was never in the hunt.



A delighted Kelly Garoghan brandishes her rosette after taking part in the event for the under-12s

Half a mile down the path we saw Remy turn, still in the lead, and the French cheered; a small, squat man with the name of his butcher inscribed on the back of his anorak sounded his motor horn. Some of us muttered "come on Ben, push hard Matt, hoorah for Kelly".

Approaching the finish Remy was in the lead, looking over both shoulders for non-existent danger. Ben came second, then Matt, Daniel, Kelly and Emma. What of John? The judge decided he had finished without necessarily having completed the course. It was a close-run thing between DNF and seventh. Last year the judge had posted someone PITC ... which stands for Popped Into The Café.

Time for the presentation: no sign of Remy. Cynics suggested that he was having a shave. The French called for him and he finally appeared, wearing a clean yellow shirt with sponsors' badges unstained by mud. He received a plaque. Pascal, the French official photographer, took pictures as all finishers got a rosette and were allowed a dip in the Sainsbury carrier bag which held sweets.

A French boy called Michel won the three-lap juvenile race from Tim Morley, who whinged about malfunctioning gears and slush slowing down his machine. Karen Jeffries, South East London ladies junior champion, for whom I rooted, failed to overcome the conditions and retired.

Had it not been for Ben Paton winning the open, it would have been the visitors' day. Later, Gemini BC hosted a dinner for their French guests at the local Asda supermarket restaurant. Opinion was divided between "they will appreciate traditional English food" and "that'll teach 'em".

RADIO CHOICE

Tomorrow is really today

Print the Legend: Visions of the City. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

Utopia or dystopia? The city, as reflected in films, can be heaven on earth or hell on earth. *It is the city* of the future that has most productively fired film-makers' imaginations, from *Things to Come* to *Blade Runner*. Humanity would reach its full potential, through machines and socialism, said *Things to Come*. *Blade Runner* looked bleakly at a menacing city, soaked in acid rain. *Planet of the Apes* turned out to be Planet Earth, destroyed by nuclear bombs. *Visions of the City* ends Christopher Frayling's stimulating series, which has argued persuasively that, whether set in the present or future, it is the concerns of today that the best films have explored.

I'll Eat My Hat. *Radio 5 Live, 11.05am.*

I am no sports enthusiast, but I know a good sports programme when I hear one. Desmond Lynam's *I'll Eat My Hat* ends its short run today, and I am genuinely sorry. With pace and humour, it has charted the progress of sports coverage on radio from the word go. The final edition concentrates on *Sports Report*, the pioneering news and results programme that began life in 1948 and is still flourishing. Two names will forever be associated with it — its founder and editor for many years, Angus MacKay, and Eamonn Andrews, its long-time presenter. Thanks to *I'll Eat My Hat* I now know the name and composer of *Sports Report*'s bustling Ti Tum, Ti Tum, Ti Tum signature tune.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Claire Sturgess **8.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Nicky Campbell **3.00pm** Dave Pearce **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection of 95 **10.00** John Peel Festive 50 — Part 1. **1.00am** Radio 1 Rap Show

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Roger Royle **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Thrower **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Howard Keel Presents Playhouse (2/6) **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Whisky Galore! Read by Stanley Baxter **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Iain Anderson's Hogmanay **12.05am** Jazz Notes **1.00** Charles Nove **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.05am The Other Honours List (r) **6.05** Spotlight 95 **7.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.10** Chain Reaction and Euronews **11.05** I'll Eat My Hat. See Choice **11.35** *Pioneers and Presidents (3/3)* **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck; and at **1.15** Entertainment News **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **8.35** Off Piste **9.05** American Graffiti **9.35** Stop Press **10.05** Entertainment Superhighway **11.05** Ages of Being **11.35** Spaced Out **12.05am** After Hours, with Richard Evans **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr **7.00** Simon Bates **10.00** Jonathan King **12.00** Tommy Boyd **2.00pm** Anna Raeburn **4.00** Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner **7.00** Sean Bolger **9.00** Moz Dee **10.00** James Whale **1.00-6.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **5.00am** Newsday **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** Choirs of Angels **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News in German **9.15** Focus on Faith **9.45** Sport **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Meridian **12.00** News **12.05pm** Business **12.15** Britain Today **12.30** Science **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Multitrack **3.00** News in German **3.15** Music Review **4.00** News **4.15** The World Today **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Sport **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** News in German **7.00** News Summary **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Words of Faith **7.30** Multitrack **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** Newsdesk **10.30** The New Europe **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.10** Spotlight **11.15** Choirs of Angels **11.45** Farming World **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** From the Weeklies **12.45** Britain Today **1.00** News **1.10** Press **1.15** Seven Days **1.30** Jazz **1.45** Good Books **2.00** Newsday **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Jazz **4.45** Seven Days

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Nick Bailey **9.00** Mike Read **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Family Concert **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00-6.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Penny Gore. Britten (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge); Mozart (Symphony No 41 in C, Jupiter); Chabrier (Souvenirs de Munich); Vanhal (Symphony in C); **8.04** Schubert (Overture, Die Zauberharfe); Montsalvage (Cinco Canciones negras)

9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Music by Stravinsky and Pergolesi

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Piers Burton-Page. Holst (Bring us in good ale); Purcell (Incidental music, Sir Anthony Love); Vaughan Williams (Toccata Marziale); Morris (String Quartet in A); Tippett (Dance, Clarion Air); **10.40** Strauss (Four Songs); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 6 in B flat); **11.10** Stanford (Magnificat in B flat); Beethoven (Sonata in C minor); Holst, arr Imogen Holst (Wassail Song)

12.00 Composer of the Week. Saint-Saëns (r)

1.00pm St David's Hall Recital. Britten Quartet performs John Pickard (String Quartet No 3); Ravel (String Quartet in F)

2.00 In Dulci Jubilo. BBC Singers under Stephen Cleobury and the Wallace Collection under John Wallace perform settings by Praetorius and Scheidt

3.00 Mining the Archive. Music by Roberto Gerhard

4.20 Turns of the Century. In the last of the series, Russell Davies recalls the British comedians featured over the past eight months

4.30 Songs of Old Tbilisi, performed by the Solnari ensemble and the Rustavi choir (r)

5.00 The Music Machine. Tommy Pearson considers the traditional pop line-up (r)

5.15 Fairest Isle Songbook. Iain Burnside introduces football songs (r)

5.30 Fairest Isle: Birmingham Contemporary Music Group performs Knussen (Two Organa); Turnage (Greek Suite) (r)

6.10 Fairest Isle: John Tavener. The Last Sleep of the Virgin, String Quartet No 2 (Chilingirian Quartet; Stephen Henderson, handbells) (r)

6.35 Fairest Isle: National Trust Instruments. Sophie Yates plays music by Blow, Richard Jones, Chilcot and Croft on the Hitchcock harpsichord from Lyme Park, near Stockport (r)

7.30 Amsterdam Mahler Festival. Vienna PO under Simon Rattle performs Symphony No 7

9.00 The Fortunate Cat. Roy Fisher and Mel Hill discuss whether poetry can become music

9.10 Fairest Isle: Britannia at the Opera. BBC Scottish SO under Harry Bicket performs extracts from Stephen Storace's *No Song, No Supper*. With Iain Paton as Frederick and Elizabeth McCormack as Dorothy

10.10-1.00am Hear and Now. A profile of the composer John White with six of his piano sonatas and four of his miniature symphonies. Followed by a performance given at the Go West festival in Haverfordwest

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) **6.00** News **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day

8.40 A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens. Richard Wilson reads the final part **8.58** Weather

9.00-10.00, 11.00-4.00pm Test Match Special (LW only). South Africa v England in the fourth Test

9.00 News (FM only) **9.05 Desert Island Discs** (FM only). The castaway is Petula Clark (r)

9.45 Letters from Ireland (FM only). Father John McCullough, of Co Tyrone, reflects on the "plain people of Ireland" (4/6)

10.00-10.30 News; Print the Legend (FM only). See Choice

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 Children's BBC Radio 4: A Ghost for Christmas. Anna Keaveney reads *Across the Fields*, by Susan Price (4/4)

10.30 Walters' Festive Frolics. John Walters spends New Year's Eve in Florida (5/5)

NB: The following are on FM only until 4pm.

11.00 News; Toady, Grovel and Ingratiate. Diana Eden reports on sycophancy

11.30 At Bertram's Hotel, by Agatha Christie (5/5)

12.00 News; Trumpton Riots. Fred Harris recalls children's television programmes in the 1970s

12.25pm The Food Programme 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One (FM, LW)

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Heidi, by Johanna Spyri. *Dramatised by Bertie Docherty*. With Ciara Janson

3.30 Kaleidoscope: Miller's Tales. Last in the series of interviews with Arthur Miller (r)

4.00 News 4.05 Radio Lives. Gerald Priestland, BBC presenter and foreign correspondent (r)

4.45 Christmas Short Story: The De Montfort Essay Cup, by Zoe Fairbairns. Read by Sara Coward

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.15 It's Your Go! The game of Trivial Pursuit (4/4)

6.30 The Traffic Jam (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Pick of the Year, with Christopher Serle

8.05 Correspondents' Look Ahead

8.50 Those Café Days: Viva Espresso. Simon Parkes samples Italian café life

9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature. The phenomenon of the pantomime dame (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Memo from David O. Selznick

11.00 Week Ending 11.25 Fourth Column

11.45 Big Bands, Big Leaders (2/3)

12.00 News, incl **12.27am** Weather

12.30 The Late Book: Miss Smilla's Feeling for Snow, by Peter Hoeg (10/15)

12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00** As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Gillian Maxey, Rosemary Smith and Susan Thomson



McGrath's pace denies Sri Lanka sanctuary from gathering storm

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE wretched progress of Sri Lanka on their tour of Australia continued yesterday as they were forced to follow on after their batsmen capitulated to the home side's pace attack on the third day of the second Test at Melbourne.

However grateful they were to experience a day free from the sort of controversies that have riven their odyssey thus far, they were cast into greater despondency by a performance ominously resonant of that in the first Test, which they lost by an innings.

Although spared the glare of new ignominy off the pitch, the issue of the suspect action of their off spinner, Muttiah Muralitharan, rumbled on, first with an admission by the team's management that they had considered sending him home, and later with declarations of support for the 23-year-old bowler coming from Richie Richardson, the captain of the West Indies team also on tour in Australia, and Allan Border, the former Australia captain.

Muralitharan responded to the furore with a spirited, if ultimately fruitless, innings of 11 at the end of the touring side's response to an Australia first-innings total of 500. His was one of the five wickets claimed by Glenn McGrath in a fierce spell of intimidatory fast bowling.

Sri Lanka were dismissed for 233 in 88.4 overs and in their second innings proceeded fitfully to 33 for one by the close, still needing to score another 234 to make Australia bat again.

McGrath, who is gradually assuming the mantle of the main strike bowler in the Australia attack, a position long held by Craig McDermott, troubled all the batsman by generating extreme pace and bounce from the wicket.

The only genuine resistance was offered, in differing styles, by Romesh Kaluwitharana, the wicketkeeper, and Arjuna Ranatunga, the captain. The former went on the offensive with a rapid 50, while the latter showed great caution in accumulating 51 from 155 balls.

Paul Reiffel provided able support for McGrath by taking two for 60 in the first innings and then removed Roshan Mahanama, the hapless opener, in the second.

Anura Tennekoon, the secretary of the Sri Lankan Cricket Board, said the future of Muralitharan, who was no-balled by the Australian umpire Darrell Hair seven times on the first day of the match, had been discussed by senior players and officials.

"We have talked at length on Muri's bowling and obviously there is a lot more to be discussed," he said. The debate had included the possibility of removing him from a tour already blighted by ball-tampering allegations against the Sri Lankans, that were later overruled after the intervention of the International Cricket Council.

Richardson commented: "I don't think he throws the ball, he's just unorthodox. He comes over with a slightly bent arm and when he releases the ball his wrist straightens, but if you look really carefully the arm remains bent. It's strange that he's been bowling a lot and never been called."

His view was supported by Border. "It's a tough call no-balling a guy out of his livelihood when he hasn't been no-balled in 23 Tests," he said. "They should have just let it go or dealt with it behind closed doors. I just feel sorry for this young bloke and I think he's been set up a little bit."



McGrath: fierce pace reaped five wickets

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 500 for 6 dec (S R Waugh 131 not out, D C Boon 110)

SRI LANKA: First Innings

R S Mahanama c Taylor b McGrath	3
U C Hathurusinghe lbw b McGrath	23
A P Gurusinha c Healy b Ponting	27
P A de Silva c Reiffel b McGrath	18
*A Ranatunga c Warne b McDermott	51
H P Tillekeratne c Taylor b Warne	14
†R S Kaluwitharana c Boon b McDermott	50
W P U J C Vaas c Healy b Reiffel	0
G P Wickremasinghe c Healy b McGrath	10
M Muralitharan c Slater b McGrath	11
K J Silva not out	6
Extras (b 6, lb 7, nb 7)	20
Total	233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-64, 3-68, 4-128, 5-140, 6-182, 7-183, 8-213, 9-221.
BOWLING: McDermott 23-8-83-2, McGrath 23.4-9-40-5; Reiffel 20-5-60-1, Ponting 4-2-8-1; Warne 18-5-49-1.

Second Innings

R S Mahanama c Warne b Reiffel	3
U C Hathurusinghe not out	20
A P Gurusinha not out	8
Extras (lb 1, b 1)	2
Total (1 wkt)	33

FALL OF WICKET: 1-11
BOWLING: McGrath 4-0-5-0; McDermott 4-0-13-0; Reiffel 4-1-13-1; Warne 1-1-0-0
Umpires: D Hair (Australia) and S Dunne (New Zealand)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 29

HIPSANOGRAPHER
(c) Someone who writes about relics, antiquities and bygones, an antiquarian hack. "Well, if you really cannot find anybody to ghost-write your mother's ridiculous memoirs, why don't you look up Hipsanographers in the *Yellow Pages* and stop harassing me?"

WAMBLE
(a) A rumble or similar disturbance of the stomach. A comforting word, which deserves to be used more often. "Was that my wamble, or yours?"

PARALOGISM
(c) Illogical reasoning, the illogicality of which the reasoner in question is unaware of. "Ah, Professor Emeritus, well said, as usual. How can we ever hope to match you in paralogism?"

FYLFOT
(c) The swastika. "Hoist the old fylfot! Here comes the boss in his Mussolini Monday morning face," you cry, as the said harassed functionary strides down the office in one of his more dictatorial moods.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Qf6! threatens 2. Rxg7+ and 2. Qxh6. Black was forced to try 1. ... Kh8: 2. Rxg7 Qxe5, which left him with a lost position, although ultimately he salvaged a draw.

Time, gentlemen, for Scots on the rocks

Christmas is past, the horror of New Year's Eve approaches. And as far as television is concerned that means just one thing — the annual invasion by the Scots. Ever since Moira Anderson and Andy Stewart conceded Hogmanay to a bald, fat Australian with a dry wit and an eye for a pretty girl, Scotland has plotted its revenge. This year it is almost complete.

Clive James is no more. Come Sunday night his place will be taken by Angus Deayton, a balding, thin Brit too busy reading somone else's dry wit off the Autocue to have much of an eye for a pretty girl. But that matters not — Deayton, you see, is half Scots.

But just in case his Sassenach half turns out to have the upper hand on Sunday, pure-bred Scots have been arriving mob-handed and early. Last night, for instance, there was almost no escaping them, as the grand old man of Scottish stand-up comedy, Billy Connolly, took on the bright young hope of Scottish drama, John Hannah. Somewhat improbably it was Hannah who emerged triumphant, but Connolly had his moments — most of them chilly.

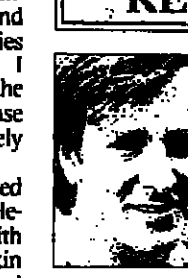
Quite what Glasgow's finest had done to deserve banishment to the northern reaches of Canada in **Billy Connolly: A Scot in the Arctic** (BBC1) was never made clear. Perhaps it was a warning after his last series attracted an avalanche of complaints about bad language. Certainly, he was on his very best behaviour.

His main worry about spending a week alone in a tent at sub-zero temperatures was, as he delicately put it, "where do you go to the bathroom?". And apart from one brief and inoffensive story involving a polythene bag (there was a blizzard blowing) the question was left pretty much unanswered. Most out of character.

True, he did use a common vulgarism to describe the unexpected perils of sitting downwind of a team of constipated huskies but having consulted *Collins* I discovered the word's origin is the Old Norse, *freta* — so its use seemed appropriate and entirely forgivable.

Delicacy was even preserved when Connolly decided to celebrate the end of his polar exile with a streak. With only his seal skin boots for company, he gambolled naked in the snow — his modesty and our eyes protected only by a super-imposed snowflake. It was a very small snowflake but then, as Connolly had frequently reminded us, the Arctic is very cold.

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

The fact that the Arctic is cold was just one of many unsurprising facts. It is also icy, quiet and rather inhospitable. Aware that this sort of thing does not make the most riveting television and that the much vaunted threat from polar bears had failed to materialise, the Big Yin abandoned his banjo and took to his Skidoo.

"There were rumours of wildlife," he promised us. Sadly, however, the rumours proved to be greatly exaggerated. The only thing he found were the much chewed-over remains of a long-dead seal. A definite tone of frustration entered his voice as he scanned the empty horizon. "There are millions of things that live here ... but they are all white."

After years living in London and Los Angeles, Connolly's formerly impenetrable accent needs no translation. The same cannot yet be said of John Hannah, best known for his contribution to the thoroughly English *Four Weddings and a Funeral* but still sounding thoroughly Scottish in **McCallum** (ITV), the latest in a very long line of television pathologists. For soft southerners like myself it took a while to tune in.

But not nearly as long as it took to tune in to the drama itself, which in the first 20 minutes embraced just about every cliché in the thriller-making book. You know, the book that begins: "It was wet and the streets of night-time London were strangely back-lit."

Then, as mortuary porters sang "I should be so lucky" and chuckled cheerfully about the whiff of "*eau de mort*", things suddenly got worse with a turn of events so improbable that I still can't believe Patrick Lau's film ever recovered from it.

Just consider this — if you were a chap who had spent an evening with a flirtatious senior policewoman, taken her for a drink, bought her a burger and then driven her home on your motorbike with her screaming with the excitement of not wearing a crash helmet, don't you think someone might have noticed? No?

Well, how about if, after you both then enjoy a spot of vigorous sex (shot like an audition piece for next Christmas's perfume commercials) said policewoman is found with a bullet hole in her skull and you are the pathologist called in to investigate? Wouldn't a little hand creep up in reluctant admission: "Please sir, it wasn't me, but I was there earlier"? Still no — well you probably enjoyed the whole thing.

For me it took a little longer but I got there — helped by Stuart Hepburn's script that got better as it went along and by two excellent performances from Gerard Murphy, as the wonderfully intimidating DI Bracken, and from Hannah as the hideously compromised pathologist.

But for all the well-paced excitement, there were still glorious moments of inadvertent comedy. My particular favourites were the female detective constable who went through the whole thing saying nothing but wearing Uma Thurman's wig from *Pulp Fiction*, and the dramatic *denouement*. Using the very latest technology, McCallum discovered that his late date had been strangled with a belt bearing the initial T. So what did he do? Naturally, he called his best friend — Tom.

BBC 1

7.00am News (Ceefax) (4790829) **7.10 Classical Music Animations** (s) (2316287) **7.35 Favourite Songs** (r) (s) (7230287) **8.00 News** (Ceefax) (4970523) **8.10 Joe 90** (r) (5795610) **8.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (Ceefax) (7958981) **9.00 News** (Ceefax) (5031252) **9.05 Global Gatecrash** (s) (8167436) **9.30 Stone Protectors** (r) (44639) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (9581977) **10.25 William's Wish Wellingtons** (r) (s) (5096233)

10.30 FILM: The Four Musketeers (1974, PG) Entertaining sequel to the 1973 hit with Michael York, Oliver Reed, Frank Finlay, Richard Chamberlain, Raquel Welch, Roy Kinnear. Directed by Richard Lester (Ceefax) (63979981)

12.10pm Beatrix Potter: The World of Peter Rabbit and Friends (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6299368)

12.40 Cartoon (54570252) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (12898271)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (48366788)

1.10 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (89814146) **1.30 Cartoon** (15917233) **1.40 The Borrowers.** With Ian Holm (2/2) (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3435967)

3.05 FILM: Supergirl (1984, PG) with Helen Slater as Superman's cousin. (Ceefax) (81632788)

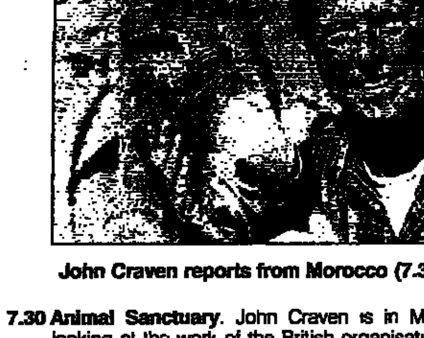
5.05 Blue Peter — High Adventure. Highlights of the year (2/2) (Ceefax) (s) (2977813)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (714349)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (605233)

6.15 Regional News magazines (600788)

6.30 The World's Strongest Man. The Final. The ten competitors who made it through the qualifying rounds take part in the final stage in the Bahamas. Presented by Juliet Morris and Paul Dickenson (Ceefax) (s) (35784)



John Craven reports from Morocco (7.30pm)

7.30 Animal Sanctuary. John Craven is in Morocco looking at the work of the British organisation, the Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad, which saves donkeys from a life of neglect. (Ceefax) (s) (368)

8.00 That's Showbusiness! — Movies Special. A special edition of the entertainment quiz to celebrate the centenary of cinema. (Ceefax) (s) (8165)

8.30 A Question of Sport. David Coleman asks the questions in a seasonal edition of the sports quiz in which teams captained by Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham compete. (Ceefax) (s) (3900)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (4320)

9.30 Ghost (1990). Whimsical love story with Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg. Directed by Jerry Zucker. (57542)

11.30 Films of the Year with Barry Norman. Barry Norman reveals his ten favourite films of 1995 (Ceefax) (s) (109368)

12.15am FILM: Little Big Man (1970) with Dustin Hoffman. Jack Crabb, now 121 years old, tells the story of his remarkable life as pioneer, adopted Cheyenne brave, gunfighter, conman and witness at Custer's last stand. Directed by Arthur Penn (Ceefax) (38624382)

2.30 Weather (5702566)

BBC 2

6.45 FILM: Limelight (b/w, 1952) starring and directed by Charlie Chaplin (77941726)

8.55 FILM: The Errand Boy (b/w, 1961) Farcical comedy, starring and directed by Jerry Lewis (28082707)

10.30am The Voyages of Charles Darwin. In September 1833 Darwin began his journey to Buenos Aires, travelling across the Argentine pampas (r) (4/6) (62788)

11.30 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures — Planet Earth, an Explorer's Guide. How solid rocks turn into liquid lava (3/5) (s) (62165)

12.30pm The River of Sound. The evolution of traditional Irish music (3/3) (s) (66504)

1.30 Yachting. The 1995 Vauxhall Ultra 30 Grand Prix (3313225)

2.10 CHOICE **Earth and the American Dream.** (8945875)

3.25 CHOICE **More Loverly than Ever: The Making of My Fair Lady** (1287829)

4.25 Tyto the Barn Owl John and Simon King's award-winning animal drama following the fortunes of a male barn owl, Tyto, and his mate. (r) (s) (3032982)

5.15 FILM: The Sound of Music (1965). Family viewing, with Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer and Eleanor Parker. In Salzburg, just before the start of the Second World War, a novice nun realises she does not have a religious vocation and leaves her convent to go to look after the seven children of Captain Von Trapp, a widowed, retired naval officer. Directed by Robert Wise. (Ceefax) (s) (54493165)

8.00 University Challenge with Jeremy Paxman. Birmingham University v Selwyn College, Cambridge (Ceefax) (s) (6707)

8.30 CHOICE **Slice of Life. Burgers and Suburbia** (Ceefax) (8542)

9.00 Reeves and Mortimer — Christmas Shooting Stars. Joining Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer are Ulrika Jonsson, Mark Lamarr and George Dawes. (Ceefax) (128287)

9.40 CHOICE **Knowing Me, Knowing Yule ... with Alan Partridge.** (Ceefax) (s) (567788)



Tim Robbins stars as Griffin Mill (10.20pm)

10.20 FILM: The Player (1992). Star-studded comedy thriller about a Hollywood director who is threatened with murder. Among those making cameo appearances are Cher, Peter Falk and Bruce Willis. Directed by Robert Altman. (Ceefax) (s) (910252)

12.20am Hearts of Darkness — A Film-Maker's Apocalypse Documentary following Francis Coppola during the making of his film, *Apocalypse Now*. (s) (997905)

1.55 Weather (2687382)

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CHOICE

More Loverly Than Ever
BBC2, 3.25pm

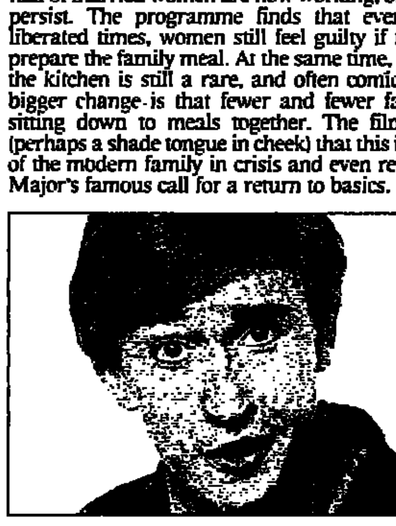
Those who watched *My Fair Lady* on Boxing Day may not have realised how close one of the most elegant of screen musicals came to being lost. The original negative was not only fading badly but scratched, dirty and torn. As this documentary relates, a team of restorers spent six months on a rescue operation. There are other revelations. Everyone knows that Audrey Hepburn's singing voice was eventually dubbed — but not before Hepburn had herself recorded *Wouldn't It Be Loverly?*, a fascinating and little-seen piece of footage. A further titbit is that James Cagney was the original choice for Doolittle. The programme is presented by Jeremy Brett, one of the last surviving cast members until his death this year.

Earth and the American Dream
BBC2, 2.10pm

A combative documentary from the United States argues that the American dream of riches has been achieved at the expense of the natural environment. The programme offers a history of North America from Columbus to the present day, angled towards man's (specifically the white man's) determination to put his own wellbeing first. Forests are felled. Indians driven off their territory, buffalo slaughtered and, coming closer to our own times, the air made dangerous through industrial pollution and nuclear radiation. The story is relayed through the words of Presidents, tycoons, writers, pundits and ordinary folk spoken by a cast of Hollywood luminaries from Harrison Ford to Dustin Hoffman and Bette Midler.

Slice of Life: Burgers and Suburbia
BBC2, 8.30pm

The final programme in this succulent series is not so much about what we are eating as who is doing the cooking. Gone are the days when men worked and women stayed at the stove. Yet although more than half of married women are now working, old attitudes persist. The programme finds that even in these liberated times, women still feel guilty if they fail to prepare the family meal. At the same time, the man in the kitchen is still a rare, and often comic, figure. A bigger change is that fewer and fewer families are sitting down to meals together. The film suggests (perhaps a shade tongue in cheek) that this is symbolic of the modern family in crisis and even replays John Major's famous call for a return to basics.



Steve Coogan as Alan Partridge (BBC2, 9.40pm)

Knowing Me, Knowing Yule ... With Alan Partridge
BBC2, 9.40pm

The notable absentee from Steve Coogan's recent multi-character series was his most famous creation, the permanently irritating chat show host Alan Partridge. But Coogan fans are not to be deprived and, since it is the festive season, the helping of Partridge is bigger than usual. Partridge is funny because although he is a spoof, he could so easily exist. Moreover, his nonsense is all the more enjoyable for being delivered with a straight face. Insults at the ready, *he lets fly at guests who include a TV chef in drag and a golfer in a wheelchair after being struck by lightning. These are inventions, but there is also a seasonal contribution from the real Mick Hucknall of* Simply Red. He, at least, looks real. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00am GMTV News and sport (8078320)

9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man. There's Game In Them Hills (r) (8172368)

9.50 Batman Mad as a Hatter (s) (1753146)

10.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6562851)

10.30 FILM: The Man in the Iron Mask (1977) starring Richard Chamberlain, Patrick McGoohan and Louis Jourdan. A remake of Alexander Dumas' tale about Louis X1V's identical twin. Directed by Mike Newell (96639320)

12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (8016233)

12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (2874271)

12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (6923504)

1.30 FILM: The Return of the Musketeers (1989) starring Michael York, Oliver Reed and Frank Finlay. (25547165) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (8580981) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) (8589252)

3.30 FILM: Straight Talk (1992, PG) starring Dolly Parton, James Woods and Griffin Dunne. A country girl heads for the bright lights of Chicago. (Teletext) (s) (352542)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (2961252)

5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (785962)

6.00 Home and Away Special: Sophie's Baby. (Teletext) (347287)

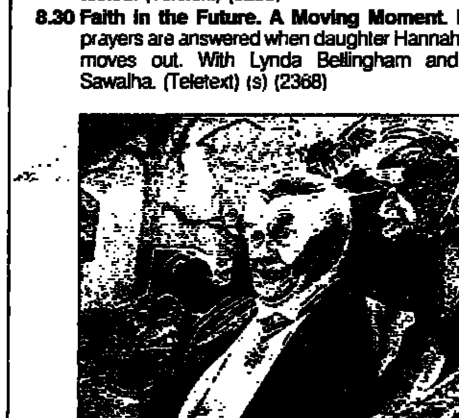
6.25 London Tonight. (Teletext) (748349)

7.00 Family Fortunes This week the Taylor family from Skelmersdale compete against the Joyce family from Hertfordshire. (Teletext) (s) (7813)

7.30 Coronation Street. Will Derek (Peter Baldwin) get Norris (Malcolm Hebden) to the church on time? (Teletext) (436)

8.00 The Bill: Journey Home. Carver's loyalties are tested. (Teletext) (3233)

8.30 Faith in the Future. A Moving Moment. Faith's prayers are answered when daughter Hannah finally moves out. With Lynda Bellingham and Julia Sawalha. (Teletext) (s) (2368)



Grandpa Fred (Prosky) and friends (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: Gremlins 2 — The New Batch (1990) starring Robert Prosky. Gizmo, the furry magwai, is subjected to scientific experiments which make him spawn vicious, malevolent offspring. Directed by Joe Dante. (Teletext) (s) (2455)

11.00 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (346287)

11.15 London Tonight (Teletext) (505523)

11.20 FILM: Men Don't Leave (1990) starring Jessica Lange, Arliss Howard and Joan Cusack. The film tackles the emotional and financial burdens facing a mother whose husband is killed in an accident. Directed by Paul Brickman. (Teletext) (s) (610875)

1.20am FILM: Black Sunday (1977) starring Robert Shaw, Bruce Dern and Marthe Keller. An international terrorist organisation plans a massacre at a top sporting occasion. Directed by John Frankenheimer (21741092)

4.00 The Chart Show (s) (2449189)

4.50 FILM: Block Busters (1944 b/w). A Bowery Boys comedy, directed by Wallace Fox (6640263)

5.55 ITN Morning News (1545176). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.45am Ulysses 31 (r) (1516097) **7.10 The Adventures Of T-Rex** (r) (2236097) **7.35 Little Dracula** (r) (7150097)

8.00 The Big Breakfast (41691)

10.00 Saved By the Bell: The New Class. High-school comedy (8030487) **10.25 Babylon 5.** Science-fiction (r), (s) (3969165) **11.20 California Dreams.** Teen comedy (r) (1725207)

11.45 Biker Mice From Mars (s) (2049436) **12.10pm The Super Mario Bros** (r) (3764610) **12.20 Dennis** (r) (8014875) **12.30 Sesame Street** (84900)

1.30 Silent Love. Wordless German production about an impoverished couple who each sacrifice an item of value to buy the other a worthless gift (96671813)

1.50 FILM: The Princess and the Pirate (1944, b/w) Bob Hope and Virginia Mayo in a comedy about a cowardly vaudevillian mixed up with pirates on the Spanish Main. Directed by David Butler (25558271). Followed by **The X mas Files: The Ox.** The ox-keeper at Whipsnade Zoo provides a commentary to Geertgen Tot Sint Jans's *The Nativity at Night*

3.40 FILM: The Three Musketeers (1948). Family viewing. Gene Kelly in a swashbuckling yarn directed by George Sidney (89043900)

6.00 Blossom (r). (Teletext) (s) (542)

6.30 Happy Days (r). (Teletext) (969078)

6.55 Terrytoons featuring Mighty Mouse (551233)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (5455)

7.30 The Wonderful World of Dogs. Australian director Mark Lewis examines the problems, the myths, the obsessions and the love of dogs by exploring different attitudes towards them. One woman is obsessed with dogs messing her lawn, another had her holiday spoilt when a hungry pelican ate her chihuahua. Then there is Fugly, a persistent offender with more than 100 convictions under Australia's 1966 Dog Act who has cost his owner "thousands and thousands of dollars" in fines but who reckons the mutt is worth it for the love it has given him. (25271)

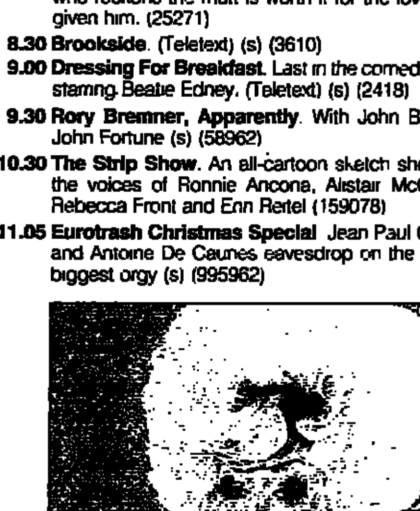
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (3610)

9.00 Dressing For Breakfast. Last in the comedy series starring Beatie Edney. (Teletext) (s) (2418)

9.30 Rory Bremner, Apparently. With John Bird and John Fortune (s) (58962)

10.30 The Strip Show. An all-cartoon sketch show with the voices of Ronnie Ancona, Alistair McGowan, Rebecca Front and Enn Reitel (159078)

11.05 Eurotrash Christmas Special Jean Paul Gaultier and Antoine De Caunes eavesdrop on the world's biggest orgy (s) (995962)



Life is a drag for Lily Savage (11.35pm)

11.35 Lily Savage Live: Paying the Rent. Recorded in 1993 (Teletext) (s) (841707)

12.35 FILM: The Return of Dracula (1958, colour and b/w). Directed by Paul Landres (4109522)

1.55am The Apollo Theater Hall of Fame. Stars are welcomed into the Harlem Apollo Theater's Hall of Fame. (r) (s) (421653)

3.55 The World of Hammer. How Hammer depicted Dracula and the undead (r) (81409295). Ends **4.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (8016233) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8589252) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2961252) **6.25** Anglia Weather (428977) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (252) **11.15-11.20** Anglia News (505523) **1.20am** Film: Hold-Up (64151276) **3.30** Music Box Profile (57172721) **3.45** Rick Wakeman's New Gospels (869301) **4.45** Film: Pride of the Bowery (3010905)

CENTRAL
As London except: 10.25-10.30 Central News (5194829) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (8016233) **3.25-3.30** Central News and Weather (8589252) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2961252) **6.00** Home and Away (347287) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (748349) **11.00** News at Ten, Weekend Weather (346287) **11.15-11.20** Central News and Weather (505523)

GRANADA
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HTV WEST
As London except: 10.25am-10.30 HTV West Headlines (5194829) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (8016233) **12.55** Shortland Street (2859962) **1.25-1.30** Cartoon Time (61640078) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2961252) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (252) **11.00** ITN News, Weather (536368) **11.10-11.20** HTV West Headlines and Weather (525252)

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WESTCOUNTRY
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YORKSHIRE
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SATELLITE

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SKY ONE
7.00am DJ Kat Show (96455) **8.00** Power Rangers (49610) **8.30** Press Your Luck (48981) **9.00** Court TV (39233) **9.30** Oprah Winfrey (31981) **10.30** Concentration (35417) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (29981) **12.00** Jeopardy (59097) **12.30pm** Murphy Brown (68233) **1.00** The Waltons (63788) **2.00** Geraldo (89875) **3.00** Court TV (5882) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (8073165) **4.20** Power Rangers (3129610) **4.45** Postcards from the Hedge (5385829) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1894) **6.00** The Simpsons (3368) **6.30** Jeopardy (7320) **7.00** LAPD (2523) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3504) **8.00** Just Kidding (1271) **8.30** Coppers (7078) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (20097) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (23184) **11.00** Law and Order (17146) **12.00** David Letterman (8875363) **12.45am** The Untouchables (6020214) **1.30** The Edge (88837) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (7525905)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (9405829) **10.30** ABC Nightline (39287) **11.00** News and Business (91097) **11.30** Royalty (46962) **1.30pm** CBS News (82504) **2.30** CBS News (59981) **3.30** Century (5726) **4.00** News and Business (4233) **4.30** The USA (4207) **5.00** Live at Five (71146) **6.30** Tonight (64900) **7.30** Royalty (52349) **8.30** The Entertainment Show (8320) **9.00** News and Business (71233) **9.30** The USA (84610) **11.30** CBS News (64829) **12.30am** ABC News (25856) **1.30** Tonight Replay (73214) **2.30** Worldwide Report (33721) **3.30** Century (45566) **4.30** CBS News (95176) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (89382)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (38436) **8.00 Brigadoon (1954)** (81405) **10.00 Ghost in the Noonday Sun (1973)** (78349) **12.00 Oh, Heavenly Dog! (1980)** (83078) **2.00pm Visions of Terror (1994)** (14436) **4.00 The Secret Garden (1993)** (6726) **6.00 Lost in Yonkers (1993)** (27900) **8.00 Revenge of the Nerds IV (1994)** (30207) **10.00 Warlock (1993)** (809707) **11.40 Red Sun Rising (1993)** (127900) **1.25am Arctic Blue (1994)** (963214) **3.00 Voyage (1993)** (62059) **4.30-6.00** As 2pm (38011)

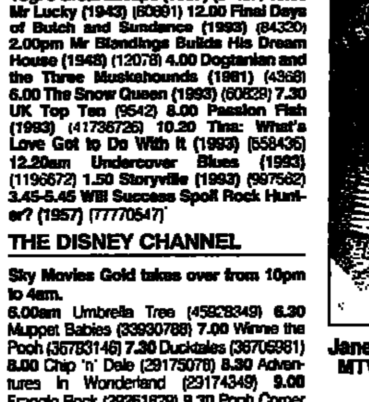
SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Desire (1936) (1078) **6.00 Viva Las Vegas (1964)** (44964) **8.00 Pale Rider** (1985) (82829) **10.00 Rambo: First Blood Part II (1987)** (170287) **11.40 Dracula — Prince of Darkness (1965)** (641165) **1.15-4.00am The Big Country (1958)** (58112837)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am On the Buses (1971) (36078) **8.00 Yogi's Great Escape (1987)** (81487) **10.00 Mr Lucky (1943)** (60891) **12.00 Final Days of Butch and Sundance (1993)** (84320) **2.00pm Mr Blandings Builds His Dream House (1948)** (12078) **4.00 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds (1981)** (4368) **6.00 The Snow Queen (1993)** (60829) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (9542) **8.00 Passion Fish (1993)** (41736725) **10.20 Tina: What's Love Got to Do With It (1993)** (558436) **12.20am Undercover Blues (1993)** (1196672) **1.50 Storyville (1993)** (997562) **3.45-5.45 Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter? (1957)** (77770547)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (45928349) **6.30** Muppet Babies (33930788) **7.00** Winnie the Pooh (35783146) **7.30** Ducktales (38705981) **8.00** Chip 'n' Dale (29175078) **8.30** Adventures In Wonderland (23174349) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (29261829) **9.30** Pooh Corner (63906233) **10.00** Dumbo's Circus (33954368) **10.30** Quack Attack (29187813) **11.00** Walt Disney Presents (36894829) **12.00** FILM: The Waching of Ben Wagner (33934504) **2.00pm** Adventures in Wonderland (70741639) **2.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (62739097) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (70720146) **3.30** Winnie the Pooh (62734542) **4.00** Quack Attack (62720349) **4.30** Ducktales (62718233) **5.00** Cyberstar (89740691) **6.30** Faerie Tale Theatre (80421504) **7.30** Eyewitness (62710962) **8.00-10.00** Best of Hollywood (68883349)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Freestyle Skiing (65707) **8.00** Olympic Magazine (76349) **8.30** Alpine Skiing (86962) **10.00** Snowboarding (26320) **10.30** Alpine Skiing (88164) **11.00** Alpine Skiing (93261900) **1.30pm** Ski Jumping (10271) **2.00** Eurofun (5829) **2.30** Free Climbing (87875) **3.30** Motorsports (73981) **4.30** Kick Boxing (47271) **5.30** Alpine Skiing (27981) **6.30** News (3962) **7.00** Figure Skating (86436) **9.00** Boxing (51981) **10.00** Pro Wrestling (61368) **11.00** Olympic Magazine (30900) **11.30-12.30am** Motorsport (22504)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Sports Centre (51504) **7.30** Racing News (70639) **8.00** Cricket. South Africa v England (5168165) **3.30pm** World Darts (804558) **6.00** Sports Centre (41843) **7.00** World Darts (5797455) **12.00** Sports Centre (66092) **1.00am** Soccer Magazine (94924) **1.30-2.00** Sport Special (22295)



Janet Jackson, the subject of an MTV *Rockumentary* (10.30am)

SKY SPORTS 2
7.00pm World Wrestling Federation Raw (8065875) **8.00** Cricket (5923165) **11.00** Trans World Sport (8773879) **12.00-1.00am** Watersports World (9484586)

SKY TRAVEL
11.00am Globetrotter (1880707) **11.30** American Vacation (4297078) **12.30pm** Frugal Gourmet Cooks Italian (2859981) **1.00** Around the World (5628900) **1.30** Hawaii Cooks (2858252) **2.00** E Report (4882271) **2.30** Cruising the Globe (2558542) **3.00** Getaway (4878078) **3.30-4.00** Boomerang (2633287)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL
4.00pm Amphibious Warfare (1977287) **5.00** Jesus — Holy Child (4965558) **6.00-7.00** Jesus — His Life (2867900)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL
1.00am Swamp Thing (1903789) **1.30** Ray Bradbury Theatre (8225566) **2.00-4.0** FILM: Puppet Master II (2663769)

TLC
9.00am Exploding Driving (3100097) **10.00-12.00** Driving (1513455) **12.00** Classic MG (1522691) **1.00-4.00pm** Classic Cars (7237691)

UK GOLD
7.00am Angels (1142542) **7.30** Neighbours (1138349) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9602894) **8.30** EastEnders (9601165) **9.00** The Bill (9692417) **9.30** The Sullivans (1541726) **10.00** Bergerac (1127233) **11.00** Dallas (1147097) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (9605981) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1545542) **1.00** EastEnders (1141813) **1.30** The Bill (1544813) **2.00** The Sullivans (41741815) **2.25** Are You Being Served? (3632097) **3.00** Angels (7538455) **3.30** Eldorado (8144417) **4.00** Miss Marple (91815829) **5.10** Generation Game (94207368) **6.15** Comic Cuts (8828252) **6.25** EastEnders (2571900) **7.00** Eldorado (2278233) **7.35** Top of the Pops (6309784) **9.00** Widows (5970900) **10.00** The Bill (6726813) **10.35** Classic Sport (1542252) **11.35** Christmas Cracker (2013436) **12.15am** Dr Who (8638653) **12.45** FILM Perfect Little Murder (5476943) **2.25** Shopping (2483108)

TCC
6.00am Animated Classic Showcase (4598833) **6.45** Tiny and Crew (1378523) **7.00** Barney and Friends (84417) **7.30** Happily Ever After (86252) **8.00** Earthworm Jim (78859) **8.30** Eek the Cat (24900) **9.00** Garfield (15252) **9.30** Where's Wally? (40436) **10.00** Skeleton Warriors (55417) **10.30** Battletech (11436) **11.00** AJ's Time Travellers (57691) **11.30** The Babysitters' Club (58320) **12.00** Art Attack (8670441) **12.15pm** Dish of the Day (4806610) **12.30** No Naked Flames (44252) **1.00** Heartbreak High (49707) **2.00** The Tick (7829) **2.30** Ready or Not (5523) **3.00** Sweet Valley High (3436) **3.30** Hang Time (7368) **4.00** California (6875) **4.30-5.00** Madison (8287)

NICKELODEON
6.00am Blue, Child of the Earth (14610) **6.30** Count Duckula (48542) **7.00** Christmas Every Day (1135894) **7.05** Hero Turtles (3166233) **7.45** Rugrats (967233) **8.15** Doug (164207) **8.45** Rocko (5971813) **9.00** Rude Dog (62146) **9.30** Clarissa (93568) **10.00** Rugrats (39894) **10.30** Pete and Pete (64558) **11.00** Fish and Chips (28165) **11.30** Doug (29694) **12.00** Rocko (75610) **12.30pm** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (91146) **1.00** Ship to Shore (58417) **1.30** Dungeons and Dragons (52900) **2.30** Galaxy High School (4455) **3.00** Kissyfur (7610) **3.30** The Littlest Pet Shop (9900) **4.00** Hero Turtles (5707) **4.30** Rugrats (4691) **5.00** Clarissa (9455) **5.30** Wishbone (8271) **6.00** Doug (5184) **6.30** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (6436) **7.00** Ferris Bueller (9691) **7.30-8.00** Sister Sister (5320)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Driving Passions (8154894) **4.30** Voyager (8150078) **5.00** Dinosaurl (7527349) **6.00** Invention (8164271) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (1099349) **7.30** The Science of Star Trek (8151707) **8.00** Into the Unknown (5965078) **9.00** Lonely Planet (5978542) **10.00-12.00** Into the Unknown (1513455)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM. Top Secret (6980558) **2.00pm** The Saint (6898523) **3.00** Scotland Yard (7523523) **3.30** Man from Interpol (8162813) **4.00** FILM Passport to Pimlico (2664374) **5.30** Honey West (8161184) **6.00** Danger Man (8168097) **6.30** The Wild Wild West (1086875) **7.30** The Protectors (8148233) **8.00** The Saint (5952504) **9.00** FILM: The Beastmaster (53625639) **11.20-12.00** FILM: Fairport Convention (7508368)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (7981455) **7.00** Living Magazine (6779097) **9.00** Front Gardens (2664252) **9.30** Kate and Allie (5767504) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (6758504) **11.00** Young and Restless (3535320) **11.55** Foodwise (6888252) **12.30pm** Food and Drink (5110542) **1.05** Kilroy (1663349) **2.00** FILM Johnnie Mae Gibson, FBI (4959252) **4.00** Infatuation UK (8037146) **4.30** Crosswits (7174610) **5.05** Joker's Wild (59995078) **5.30** Young and Restless (8123165) **6.30** On the Bed (8432455) **7.05** Infatuation UK (2008469) **7.35** The Joker's Wild **8.00** Brides of Christ (4947417) **9.00** FILM. When He's Not a Stranger (27343707) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (5967558) **11.00-12.00** Love Life (5759233)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm FILM I'll Be Home for Christmas (58485542) **6.50** FILM. Hero at Large (95825542) **8.40** FILM The Sheepman (19812349) **10.15** FILM: Winnie (304338) **12.05am** FILM: I'll Be Home for Christmas (371818) **1.55-3.45** FILM: Hero at Large (492301)

MTV
6.30am The Grind (66523) **7.00** Madonna. A Body of Work (29252) **8.30** Music Videos (24981) **10.30** Janet Jackson Rockumentary (13894) **11.00** Janet Jackson. Design Through Control (27829) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (41165) **2.00** Unplugged (58504) **3.00** Cinematic (8366271) **3.15** Hanging Out (7706097) **4.00** News (2073165) **4.15** Hanging Out (2063788) **4.30** Dial MTV (4417) **5.00** Real World London (7639) **5.30** Hanging Out (8097) **6.00** Unplugged (8610) **6.30** Hanging Out (9962) **7.00** Greatest Hits (94487) **8.00** Unplugged (80417) **9.00** MTV (79813) **9.30** Beavis (33146) **10.00** News (640707) **10.15** Cinematic (638962) **10.30** Oddities (14523) **11.00** Partyzone (419621) **1.00am** Madonna's Bedtime Stories (96943) **2.00** Night Videos (5931059)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (6078441) **9.00** Christmas Café (1738813) **12.00** VH-100 for You (2847146) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (2856894) **2.00** Vanessa Williams (9728788) **3.00** Into the Christmas Music (3910374) **6.00** VH-1-2-3: Mike and the Mechanics (2949558) **7.00** VH-100 for You (6067233) **8.00** Backtrack 1970 (4871165) **8.30** Planet Rock Profiles (4883900) **9.00** Kermit (6063417) **10.00** The Vinyl Years (6066504) **11.00** Around and Around (6973897) **12.00** The Nightfly Rocks (1294568) **2.00am** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from **6am** to **7pm** including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (11535287) **8.30** Aap Ki Farmaish (31999338) **9.00** Hindi FILM. Khamoshi (76475252) **12.00** Dekh Bhai Dekh (37399374) **12.30pm** Zabaan Sambhal Ke (62879610) **1.00** Hindi FILM: Dayavan (25665726) **4.00** Manasi (21095504) **4.30** Yeadon Ke Rang (21091788) **5.00** Zee Zone (59093504) **5.30** Hip Hip Hurray (92978542) **6.30** Zee and U (21096233) **7.00** BBCD (59013368) **7.30** Namaste India (21092417) **8.00** News (59099788) **8.30** Filmi Chakker (59001523) **9.00-12.00** Hindi FILM. Mr Azaad (66736851)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 8pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm That's Dancing (1985) (36704252) **9.00 Doctor Zhivago (1965)** (49689232) **12.30pm Come Live With Me (1941)** (11132450) **2.05 A Global Affair (1964)** (31615479) **3.35-5.00 Watch the Birdie (1950)** (96875818)

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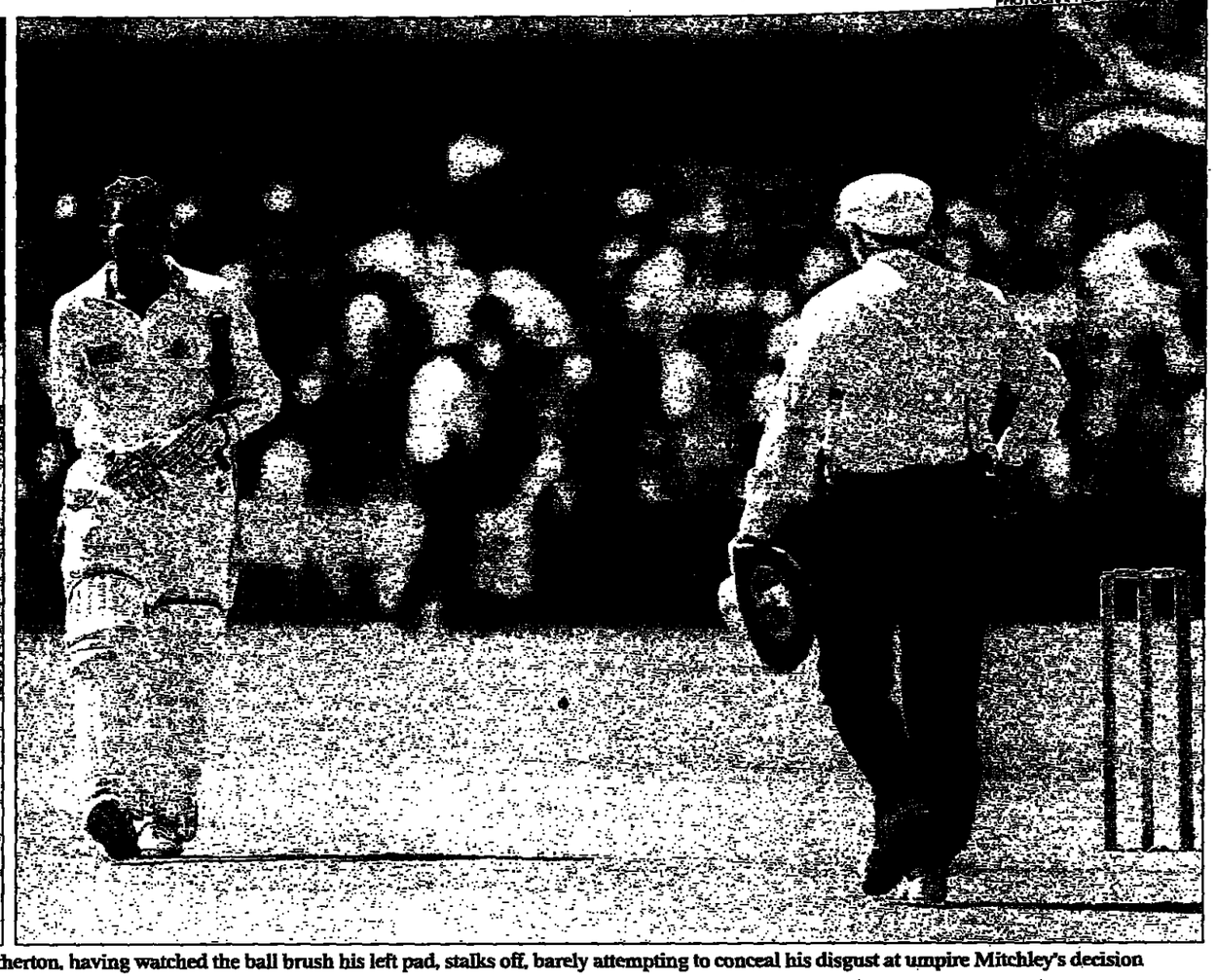
England struggle on after injustice threatens to turn Test series against them

Atherton suffers for umpire's mistake

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN PORT ELIZABETH

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Richardson, the South Africa wicketkeeper, appeals and Atherton, having watched the ball brush his left pad, stalks off, barely attempting to conceal his disgust at umpire Mitchley's decision

PORT ELIZABETH (third day of five): England, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 178 runs behind South Africa

MICHAEL ATHERTON held his temper here yesterday and his England team held its nerve. Neither, however, was achieved without duress after an umpiring decision of such untimely deficiency that this fourth Test match, and consequently this precariously balanced series, could have rested upon it.

England's prospects of avoiding the follow-on and probably saving the game depended disproportionately upon Atherton. In such circumstances, they always do. It is a responsibility of which the captain is aware and unafraid and, even when he had battled through five hours of typical self-denial and England, at 164 for three, required only a further 66 for the main staging post of the salvage operation, he knew his job was not quite done.

Atherton faced Paul Adams for what was to be the discussion point of the day. He had faced him, without apparent difficulty, many times previously, for the unconventional subtleties of this symbol of new South Africa cut no ice with Atherton. Nor did he look remotely concerned when Adams speared a chinaman down the leg side, plainly brushing the top of Atherton's left pad before being taken by the wicketkeeper, David Richardson.

There had been a noise, though, and the unsighted close fielders appealed, along with bowler and wicketkeeper. The umpire, Cyril Mitchley, agreed with them and Atherton, stunned if not quite dumbstruck, stood for a long moment before beginning one of the slowest retreats this old ground can ever have seen.

As could so wearily have been predicted, England now lost four wickets for 37, two of them to the second new ball, and it required a durable unbroken eighth-wicket stand of 50 between Jack Russell and Richard Illingworth to avert the threat of the follow-on. At the end of a hot, slow but crucially absorbing day, England were still not safe, but they were a good deal closer than had seemed likely either side of tea.

Mitchley is South Africa's senior umpire, officiating in his eleventh Test. Last summer, when he stood in two of England's Tests against West Indies, Mitchley was the umpire involved at Old Trafford when Dominic Cork dislodged a bail with his back foot, but survived because no fielder appealed. If that was contentious, yesterday's decision was clear-cut. Mitchley got it wrong.

Atherton's response was indignant and distressed, to the point where one waited in fear of the explosion. It did not, however, cross the boundaries of dissent or ungentlemanly conduct. He did not swear, he did not gesture to his pad and, if he left no one in much doubt as to his view of the decision, it was done with restraint. He walked off with a questionable degree of reluctance, but a cricketer, even an England captain, must be allowed some show of emotion or this game, which is already shrouded behind helmets and sunglasses, will descend into anonymity.

Peter Burge, quite unreasonably, fined Atherton in similar circumstances at the Oval two years ago, but that was while the dirt-in-pocket affair was smouldering as the hidden agenda. The match referee yesterday, Clive Lloyd, rightly found nothing to concern him.

"I had no problem with it," he said. "I don't mind if a disappointed batsman walks off slowly, so long as he gets off."

Lloyd preferred instead to speak at the tea interval to the respective team managers, issuing warnings regarding gestures made by Dominic Cork to Daryll Cullinan and by Brian McMillan to Robin Smith. Small beer, in a series thankfully free of the froth of confrontation.

For England, yesterday offered only one option: bat as long as possible. With victory out of the equation, they could afford no more strokes of the cavalier inadequacy ventured by Alec Stewart on Wednesday evening, but the morning was not completed without a similar sacrifice and at lunch, on 109 for three, the familiar reliance on Atherton was invoked yet again.

McGrath strikes 34

Jason Gallian had done well to see the second evening through, having virtually been handed the opener's role by Stewart's folly, but he had not added to his overnight score yesterday when he pushed at a good one from Shaun Pollock and was caught behind. It was the second wicket of the session that will have brought hands flying to cover faces in the England dressing-room as Graham Thorpe set himself to dispatch a long-hop from Adams and instead pulled it straight to the one fielder in range, Jonty Rhodes, at mid-wicket.

England lived perilously in the remaining half-hour before lunch, not the stuff to settle nerves, but the mood changed under clear blue, afternoon skies and, for most of the middle session, Atherton and Hick played with composure.

This remains a pitch on which good batsmen will fancy booking a lengthy stay. It is turning very slowly for Adams, but there is no life, no pace and, thus far, less variable bounce than had been expected. Atherton looked as if it had never crossed his mind that he might get out and Hick was beginning to show similar assurance.

England had probably even begun to ponder a first-innings lead when, with the fourth wicket worth 75, Atherton was dispatched. A nervy Robin Smith followed, leg-before offering no stroke to McMillan, and when Cronje took the delayed new ball, seven overs into the final session, Hick and Cork perished immediately.

Russell's remarkable series shows no sign of decline, however, and with doughty support from Illingworth, the first threat was banished. Watching Russell face Adams, the crab facing the frog, may insult the MCC coaching manual, but it makes for compelling viewing and England, for whom Mark Ilott will probably not be fit to bowl today, need more runs yet from their own curiosity to put this match to rest.

PORT ELIZABETH SCOREBOARD

South Africa won toss

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 428 (D J Cullinan 91, D J Richardson 84, G Kirsten 51; D G Cork 4 for 113).

ENGLAND: First Innings

*M A Atherton c Richardson b Adams (297mn, 237 balls, 6 fours)	72
A J Stewart c Richardson b Pollock (8min, 2 balls, 1 four)	4
J E R Gallian c Cullinan b Pollock (95min, 78 balls, 2 fours)	14
G P Thorpe c Rhodes b Adams (53min, 34 balls, 3 fours)	27
G A Hick lbw b Donald (190min, 158 balls, 1 six, 8 fours)	82
R A Smith lbw b McMillan (8min, 9 balls)	2
†R C Russell not out (128min, 89 balls, 3 fours)	26
D G Cork c Richardson b Pollock (3min, 3 balls)	1
R K Illingworth not out (82min, 60 balls, 5 fours)	25
Extras (lb 7, w 1, nb 9)	17
Total (7 wkts, 110 overs, 438min)	250

P J Martin and M C Ilott to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7 (Atherton 2), 2-50 (Atherton 24), 3-88 (Atherton 35), 4-163 (Hick 34), 5-168 (Hick 37), 6-199 (Russell 5), 7-200 (Russell 5).

BOWLING: Donald 20-5-40-1 (nb 5; 4-0-9-0, 6-3-4-0, 4-1-9-0, 6-1-18-1); Pollock 22-8-68-3 (nb 3, w 1; 3-2-5-1, 2-1-1-0, 5-2-16-1, 7-2-15-0, 3-0-16-1, 2-1-5-0); Adams 32-10-73-2 (7-2-16-0, 8-2-23-1, 2-1-5-0, 12-3-28-1, 3-2-1-0), Matthews 20-7-42-0 (4-2-8-0, 5-0-14-0, 2-1-3-0, 4-1-13-0, 5-3-8-0); McMillan 15-5-30-1 (nb 1, 5-3-5-0, 7-3-13-1, 3-0-12-0); Cronje 1-1-0-0.

SCORING NOTES (third day): Lunch: 109-3 (51 overs, 195min) Atherton 49, Hick 7. Tea: 170-5 (81 overs, 316min) Hick 39, Russell 0. Second new ball: 190-5 (88 overs) at 3.59pm.

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and C J Mitchley. TV replay umpire: R E Koertzen. Match referee: C H Lloyd (West Indies).

RESULTS: First Test (Pretoria): match drawn. Second Test (Johannesburg): match drawn. Third Test (Durban): match drawn.

TEST TO COME: Fifth (Cape Town): Jan 2 to 6.

Compiled by Bill Frindall

Testing times for men in charge



SIMON WILDE
At Port Elizabeth

History is routinely made in South Africa these days, but it is definitely and esoterically being made in cricketing terms in the fourth Test match at St George's Park this week. This Test is the first in which the two onfield umpires have been "wired up" so that their stress levels — which are considerable and seemingly ever-increasing — can be monitored by a team of medical experts.

As if Steve Bucknor and Cyril Mitchley did not have enough to do yesterday, before play began they had to strap on belts around their chests and slip extra watches over their wrists. The belts measured their heart-rates and the "watches" took readings from the belts every five seconds.

None of the results will be made public, but yesterday's data would be best kept under lock and key because several people would like to get their hands on the signals that came in during the half an hour before tea. Then, Bucknor and Mitchley experienced the sort of frenzied period of play that is not uncommon in Test cricket and leads umpires to feel tight-chested and generally anxious about their long-term futures.

Mitchley had the harder task, with Paul Adams operating with his peculiar brand of spin largely from his end. In quick succession, he was required to adjudicate on an appeal against Atherton for leg-before, followed by a concerted claim against him for a leg-side catch at the wicket. He turned down the former but gave the latter, to the obvious surprise of the England captain. Television replays suggested that the ball clipped a pad, not the bat. Was the latter decision affected by the former? More precisely: was Mitchley feeling *stressed*?

Perhaps fortunately for Mitchley and Bucknor, this is not a one-off experiment, but part of a programme that is still in its infancy. Last winter, samplings were taken from several domestic and international limited-overs matches.

However, already Professor Richard Stretch, of the East Province Cricket Academy and a member of the United Cricket Board of South Africa's medical committee, who is running the trials, believes that some conclusions can be drawn. The more experienced umpires — and Mitchley and Bucknor are experienced — tend to display more consistent heart-rates at times of potential stress than the less experienced ones. That said, Stretch has readings from one umpire which were so consistently low that they feel he may not be sufficiently "aroused" by his job. A normal heart-rate is 70-75 beats per minute; under pressure it may reach 140-150.

Stretch hinted yesterday that there was also evidence that the umpires who were deemed to have had a poor match in terms of the decisions they gave also displayed the most erratic heart-rates. He hopes that, ultimately, the collated data will enable medical advisers to offer a variety of breathing and other relaxation exercises which will help umpires to cope.

The most surprising aspect to this story is why the umpires have agreed to put themselves through this marking-by-medicine? "Take me as I am," is what they should have said. They have enough to concern themselves with without worrying about how their medical records are looking.

Football is hottest tip to beat big freeze

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SPORT is facing a weekend in cold storage as the severe weather conditions show little sign of easing. Undersoil heating seems certain to come to the rescue of the majority of matches in the FA Carling Premiership tomorrow, but elsewhere the prospects are bleak.

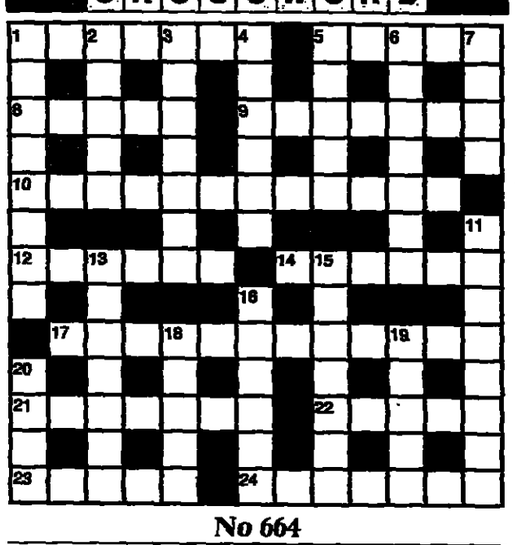
Racing is the worst hit sport, with the four meetings today abandoned because of frost, and prospects for tomorrow little better.

In rugby union the cold snap is providing a threat to England's preparations for the five nations' championship. The Rugby Football Union is recommending January 13 as the best alternative date for Courage league matches postponed tomorrow, but that weekend is scheduled for international training camps and is just a week before England's opening game in Paris.

Football appears more capable than most of beating the big freeze, at least at Premiership level, where only five clubs do not have undersoil heating. Condition checks for fixtures tomorrow produced decidedly upbeat responses yesterday. The leaders, Newcastle United, visit West Ham United and, although Upton Park does not have heating, West Ham are "optimistic" that the game will go ahead. Richard Skirrow, the secretary, said: "Things have improved, we've at least managed to roll parts of the pitch."

Plans to move the rugby league Regal Trophy semi-final between St Helens and Warrington from Knowsley Road to Wigan's undersoil-heated Central Park tomorrow have been scrapped after police said they could not staff the match.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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ACROSS
1 Relevant, fitting (7)
5 Repulsive dirt (5)
8 Make footling objection (5)
9 Measure of electromotive force (7)
10 Be in control (4,3,5)
12 Night-time deadline (6)
14 At once (slang) (6)
17 (Government) non-interference (7-5)
21 Seriously wicked (7)
22 Bark (shins); eat grass (5)
23 Fragment (5)
24 Master sheet with cut pattern (7)

DOWN
1 Precision (8)
2 Challenger (5)
3 Range of available colours (7)
4 Of the USSR (6)
5 Leaf of paper; large-format book (5)
6 Sauce thickener; type of officer (7)
7 Notice, attention (4)
11 Predict (8)
13 Come to understand (7)
15 Displaced person (7)
16 Against (6)
18 Crushed; cooker (5)
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More show than business in cinema's 100th year



*A columnist in 1895 predicted films would not "amount to much". **Giles Whittell** looks at a huge but ailing industry*

Men in space suits, men in latex and seemingly unlimited high-tech special effects proved the crucial ingredients for success in Hollywood in 1995.

As the top ten list of blockbusters emerges for the 100th year of commercial cinema, *Batman Forever* and *Apollo 13* lead a field packed with action, but leaving the American film industry gasping for profits.

In 1895 one columnist predicted that moving pictures would "not amount to much". He would reel today at a global industry whose leading player, the Walt Disney Company, is worth more on the New York Stock Exchange than Ford. However, studio bosses are collectively wringing their hands over stagnant ticket sales despite an ever wider choice at the cinema.

"The business has to settle down," Bill Mechanic, the president of 20th Century Fox films, said recently. "It's a fool's errand to make more and more films, gambling that you will defy the odds and produce only hits. Some studios are going to get seriously burnt this year and next." Meanwhile, stars' salaries have been climbing in the manner of a Saturn rocket.

It was indeed a banner year for Nasa and its greatest fan, Tom Hanks, whose role as astronaut Jim Lovell has virtually guaranteed him a third straight Oscar nomination. *Apollo 13* set the tone for a clutch of films that appealed to male adrenalin junkies more than critics or the voters in the coming season of awards ceremonies. It is also one of only six films this year to break the magical $100 million (£65 million) barrier in box-office takings.

Beyond this mark, Hollywood deems a film a certified hit. In 1994 ten releases qualified and Disney's *The Lion King* raced past the $200 million mark in a matter of weeks. There were no comparable mega-hits this year despite high hopes and a budget of $120 million invested by Warner Brothers in *Batman Forever*. Meanwhile, the price of an "A-list" male star soared to $20 million a film.

Sylvester Stallone led the inflationary trend, landing a $60 million deal for his next three films. The industry's confidence in his brand of relentless violence and minimal dialogue was repaid with two palpable flops, *Judge Dredd* and *Assassins*. They cost some $150 million between them to make, but have yet to break even.

The perils of high-budget film-making in an age of overpaid stars were felt on the Scottish moors as well: here, strenuously denying reports of injuries among the extras hired for his epic battle scenes, Mel Gibson directed and starred in *Braveheart*, a romantic and bloodthirsty reconstruction of Scottish history in the years before Bannockburn. It took $66 million in America, hardly covering its costs, but it was still the most successful in a trio of medieval dramas crowding what is at the best of times a niche market.

Liam Neeson and Jessica Lange covered similar ground in *Rob Roy*, billed as "the motion picture event of the year" but rejected by audiences as the biggest flop of the spring. Sean Connery and Richard Gere fared even worse in *First Knight*, an Arthurian damp squib most notable for Gere's unwontedly aggressive kissing of Julia Ormond.

> " It's a fool's errand to continue making more and more films "

"If this were the auto industry, all the major manufacturers would get together in a room and agree to shut down the assembly line for six months," one studio chief told *Daily Variety* this month. "Reducing the number of productions is really what everyone wants".

Millionaire men who proved their worth included Bruce Willis, whose third *Die Hard* outing included a politically correct sub-plot about "reverse racism" in *Die Hard With A Vengeance*, and Brad Pitt, a matinée idol who has proved equally watchable half-naked in *Thelma and Louise* and as a haggard special agent in a macintosh on the trail of a serial killer in *Seven*.

The year's most remarkable story of box-office durability was Kevin Costner's. He risked his career and the mockery of the film industry by directing and starring in *Waterworld*, history's costliest film. Since opening it has confounded critics by taking more than $200 million internationally. Costner will be back next year on the relatively firm ground of a golfing drama called *Tin Cup*.

The first half of 1995 marked a spectacular comeback for Don Simpson and Jerry Bruckheimer, Hollywood's definitive "bad boy' producers. [Since their first success with *Top Gun* they have driven identical black Ferraris].

The pair delivered *Crimson Tide*, which made riveting use of Gene Hackman as a warmongering nuclear submarine captain and Denzel Washington as his mutinous second-in-command. They also produced *Dangerous Minds*, a surprise hit about a former marine and her class of life-threatening teenagers in a San Francisco high school. It revealed that Michelle Pfeiffer now stands virtually alone as a female superstar who can be relied on at the box office.

Mr Simpson's luck ran out suddenly when a friend and aspiring screenwriter was found dead of a drug overdose in a guest-house beside the producer's swimming pool. Although foul play was not suspected, the hard-living Mr Simpson was questioned by police in a scandal that would have attracted much more attention but for his namesake, the former American footballer.

Among other shameful lapses barely noticed in the year of the O.J. Simpson trial was Hollywood's obstinate failure to write powerful, popular roles for women. The female lead of the year was a cartoon cut-out called Pocahontas, while Meryl Streep returned to the big screen after an absence of several years — but as a doe-eyed housewife who chose family over adventure in *The Bridges of Madison County*. It came as scant consolation to agitators for stronger women's roles that the year's most embarrassing flop was *Showgirls*, the exposé of tap dancing in Las Vegas that revealed, in the end, nothing more than flesh.

Flesh, and a wildly lavatorial brand of humour based on it, proved more profitable for a former stand-up comedian from Canada who became *the* star of 1995 in any genre or gender. Jim Carrey, the rubber-faced hero of *Ace Ventura, Pet Detective*, demonstrated why studios are so beloved of sequels with his latest dose of pubescent hyperactivity: *Ace Ventura, When Nature Calls*.

This odyssey to inner Africa and the depths of plotless nonsense broke all records for an opening weekend in America and within six weeks had become Carrey's fifth consecutive $100 million hit. The founders of cinema, on their hundredth anniversary, might turn in their graves to know that he and Sylvester Stallone are now the highest-paid actors in the world.

They are unlikely to be considered for Oscar nominations. Instead, Tom Hanks's competition in the best actor category will probably come from Sir Anthony Hopkins, nominated for his title role in *Nixon*; Sir Ian McKellen for *Richard III*; and Clint Eastwood, who directed and starred in *The Bridges of Madison County*. Emma Thompson already dominates pre-Oscar speculation in several categories for *Sense And Sensibility*, her adaptation of the Jane Austen novel that was nominated for five Golden Globe awards last week including best film, best actress and best screenplay.

After a year in which the blockbusters made money, but not enough, and won little critical acclaim, "art house" offerings may be better represented than usual come Oscar night. Low-budget contenders for best film include *Leaving Las Vegas*, starring Nicholas Cage, and *Restoration*, in which Hugh Grant plays his least noticed cameo role of 1995.

☐ **Washington:** Alfred Hitchcock's *North by Northwest* and the 1951 science fiction classic *The Day the Earth Stood Still* were among 25 films added on Wednesday to the National Film Registry which Congress created to celebrate American cinema and call attention to a need to preserve the country's film heritage. *(AP)*







Tom Hanks, left, appears to be heading for a third Oscar nomination in succession for *Apollo 13*, which was not, despite the title, a sequel, unlike *Batman Forever*, featuring Chris O'Donnell, centre, as Robin, and *Die Hard With A Vengeance*, starring Bruce Willis, right

TOP TEN GROSSING FILMS OF1995 IN THE US
As of December 18

1. **Batman Forever** (Warner) **$184m**
2. **Apollo 13** (Universal) **$172m**
3. **Pocahontas** (Disney) **$141m**
4. **Ace Ventura - When Nature Calls** (Warner) **$103m**
5. **Die Hard With A Vengeance** (Fox) **$100m**
6. **Casper The Friendly Ghost** (Universal) **$100m**
7. **Crimson Tide** (Disney) **$91m**
8. **Waterworld** (Universal) **$88m**
9. **Seven** (New Line) **$86.6m**
10. **Toy Story** (Disney) **$86m**

● **RUNNERS UP**

Dangerous Minds (Disney) **$83m**
Bridges of Madison County (Warner) **$71m**

Source: Variety

Former political allies battle for Japan's top job

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

WITH the election of Ichiro Ozawa as head of Japan's main opposition party, disciples of Kakuei Tanaka, the legendary political fixer dubbed the "Shadow Shogun", have risen to lead the nation's two main parties.

Mr Ozawa and his old rival Ryutaro Hashimoto, the president of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), are key candidates to become Prime Minister after the next general election, which many members of parliament expect around next June.

Tomiichi Murayama, the Prime Minister, need not call elections until mid-1997, but lawmakers in both ruling and opposition camps say elections are likely to be held after the end of the next regular 150-day session of parliament in June.

Mr Hashimoto, the Trade Minister in the coalition Cabinet, was elected as leader of the Liberal Democratic Party in September. On Wednesday, Mr Ozawa beat his long-time colleague, Tsutomu Hata, in the contest for leader of the main opposition Shinshinto (New Frontier Party), which he helped to form last year in a merger of nine small parties. That sets the stage for a head-on clash between Mr Ozawa and Mr Hashimoto because of the introduction of new single-seat constituencies.

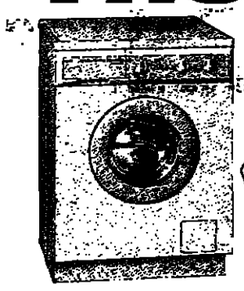
Until the last general elections in 1993, Japan's electoral system was based on multi-seat districts. These ensured the survival of the traditional opposition, the Socialists, and other smaller or fringe parties, such as the communists.

The Liberal Democratic Party holds 209 seats in the 511-member lower house, the more powerful of Japan's two chambers, while Shinshinto has 190 seats.

Mr Murayama's Socialists have 63 seats and the small Sakigake Party of Masayoshi Takemura, the Finance Minister, has 22 seats.

The new single-seat system means that either of the two main parties might win a landslide victory and therefore dominate the new lower house — which will have only 500 members.

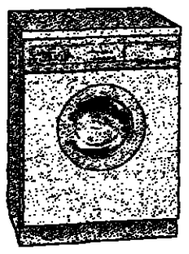
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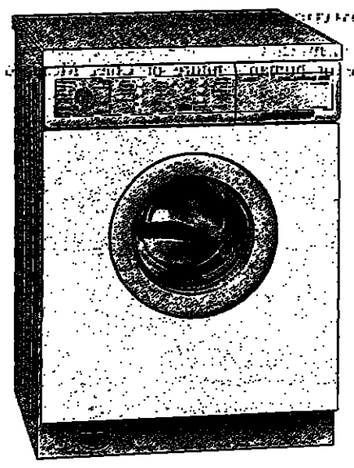
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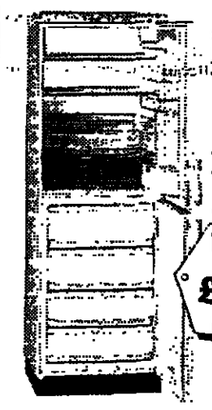


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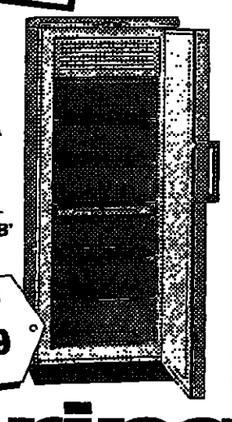
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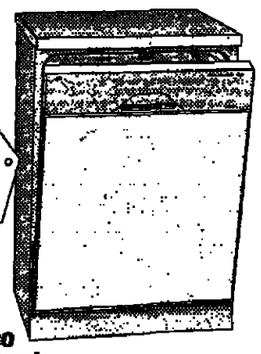


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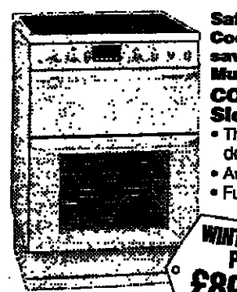
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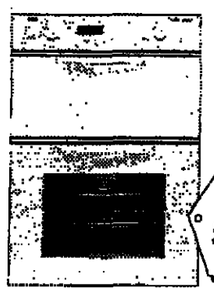
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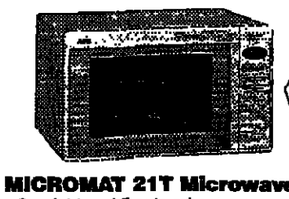
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'Overwork could send you to an early grave'

As people return to work after the festivities, Professor Cary Cooper offers a timely reminder that staying late at the office could put your health and marriage at risk


BARRY GREENWOOD

Professor Cary Cooper makes a point of spending more time with his wife and daughters. "People have to be reminded that the family is important"

May we wish all our readers a happy and indolent new year? We approach 1996 bombarded with warnings against overwork.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Christmas sermon reminded us that "those who work too hard will pay a price in terms of relationships and family life". Cardinal Basil Hume echoes the view: "No institution is more important than the family, no relationship more precious than that between husband and wife." The Mothers' Union, meeting in Guildford, claims that Surrey now has Europe's highest divorce rate, more than 40 per cent, and blames the strain of commuting and long working hours among its high-achieving residents. *The Moral Maze* took up the question yesterday: can the family survive?

A good moment, then, to ring the psychologist Professor Cary Cooper of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST). As his book titles reflect — *Executive Stress*; *Stress in Marriage*; *Working Women: Relax: dealing with stress*; *Women's Career Stress Management*; *Career Couples: contemporary lifestyles and how to manage them* — stress is his scene.

I found that he was, like me, in the throes of Christmas cheer in the family bosom. Professor Cooper, who lists "enjoying my four children" third on his list of recreations in *Who's Who* (after "19th-century Russian fiction" and "living in hope with Manchester City Football Club"), has a wife, Rachael, who works full-time as a senior research fellow at Salford. But this week they had given over their time entirely to the family.

My call was interrupted twice by a daughter looming over my desk to accuse me of having taped over something called "Horrible Music". How about the stress of teenage children? I asked the wise psychologist. Professor Cooper, who has two older children from his first marriage living near by, as well as a ten and 13-year-old, said he knew all about that: he'd just been in a car for hours with the girls and their Boyzone tapes.

"It is very strange," he says, "to think of Britain as a country with a high divorce rate. My American friends say, 'Hey, Cary, you moved to England 30 years ago for the stability of life'."

On reflection, he thinks the stress of working too hard was possibly a factor in the break-up of his first marriage:

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"People in their thirties are generally trying to impress the boss." Now he makes a point of working a shorter day. Two working parents (increasingly the norm) equals pressure. "Added to which, most organisations are cutting down: 'downsizing' or 'rightsizing' as they say in the States. So fewer people are doing more work, and working longer hours out of insecurity. Hence the 'jacket-on-the-back-of-the-chair syndrome' — what I term 'presenteeism': staying longer at work because they don't want to be included in the next tranche of redundancies.

"So they get home later and then have conflicts over who should be doing what. Women have a surer commitment to domesticity, and will generally resist working longer; men have more conflict and confusion, threatened by the increasing number of women in the workplace. They are less likely to leave the office early to help unload the washing machine at home," he says.

"These facts would not be a problem if we had an extended family or a strong community life. Why are *Coronation Street* and *The Archers* so popular? People look on them as metaphors: we wish we, too, had a pub we could walk into and know everyone, and neighbours who would rush to help if something went wrong. But in a mobile society we lack that infrastructure."

He identifies another cause of stress: the increased pace of life. "Technology was supposed to be our support and salvation. But all it has done is to enhance and quicken the pace of life. A train journey to London used to be a reflective time for me, time to read a book. Now everyone in the carriage has a mobile phone and nobody stops working. What has the fax done for us, except demand immediacy of response, and raise the expectations of the people who manage us?"

Professor Cooper is 55. He was born in Los Angeles, the son of a Russian father and a Romanian mother. But a childhood friend from England introduced him to the Goons and other arcane corners of English life. After UCLA he came to Britain, did his doctorate at Leeds, lectured at Southampton, and was invited by Sir (then Professor) Roland Smith to UMIST as a psychologist. Thirty years later he says: "I am a born-again Mancunian."

Professor Cooper's department at Manchester has cornered the market in occupational stress research. At business conferences, he tells bosses how much the stress caused by long working hours is costing them in commercial terms. "I tell them, we have the highest working hours in Europe. And you know who has the lowest? Germany. So there is an opposite link. Those long hours are not good for your company. Your staff get home late and exhausted.

"And I tell these senior people in management: if you drive yourself to a heart attack, the business will carry on without you. The company will say 'Sorry, Fred', but they will survive. Organisations, even the most benevolent, do not value you as much as your own family does. People say, 'I know the damage it's doing to me' but they feel it's beyond their control. They have to be reminded that the family is important."

The term "stress" is already overworked; the young use "stressed out" to describe the mildest of annoyed feelings. Is it scientifically classifiable? Professor Cooper identifies three stages of stress. "The first is behavioural. You have difficulty in concentrating, and in making decisions. You are irritable, you begin to lose your sense of humour, you are aggressive and assertive."

But then "that boiling behaviour erupts into physical manifestations: stomach problems, irritable bowel syndrome, sleeplessness, headaches, even the suppression of the immune system, leading to constant colds.

"The third phase, in severe and chronic stress — not just the temporary stress of an exam, but the long-term misery of a bad marriage, a broken career, a devaluing boss who makes you reluctant to go to work — is serious physical illness. I do not say that stress causes heart disease or cancer. But you are a loaded gun, your genetic make-up predisposes you to certain diseases and you have bullets in your chamber, in your genes. You may have breast cancer there, I may have heart disease: stress is the trigger."

The sociologists Rhona and Robert Rapoport first reported on dual-career families in 1969. By 1976, they declared: "We now emphasise the importance of decreasing the amount of time spent at work outside the home by men and women." They mentioned even then — when dual-career family life still seemed a daring option — that it was a "stressful" way of life. That was 20 years ago. "Yes," says Professor Cooper, "a lot of us have been writing these things for a very long time now. You may ask, why doesn't anything change? Well, there is slow, insidious change. If we can demonstrate that long hours and new technology endanger health and marriages, employers will begin to hear the message — especially if you can prove that it will adversely affect their business. They know that sickness and absenteeism are high. People, like machines, can be pushed hard for several years but they will break down."

> 'People can be pushed hard but they will break down'

He is optimistic that companies will realise the increasing importance of allowing time for families and elderly relatives. "Flexibility in working hours is essential. It's difficult in heavy manufacturing, perhaps, but outside that area, an employer may say: 'We need you to sell x number of insurance policies. We give you flexi-place and flexi-time.' The family of the future requires a lot of flexibility. And a lot of trusting by employers. No longer can employers have people under their thumb. But bosses are parental figures to most of us; we want to please them. As for commuting — getting into a car and getting clogged up and stressed out on the M25 is the least productive way of spending your time. Why not work at home until 11am? Commuting is a killer."

Parents At Work, the pressure group that urges companies to be more family-friendly, reported last month on today's excessively long working hours: "Put starkly, 72 per cent of working mothers report always being exhausted at the end of the day; one in five say their marriages are at risk; and three out of five mothers say they don't see enough of their children.

"Workplace pressure means mothers often rush home from work to spend some time with their children — only to work late into the evening when the children are asleep." They are "too afraid of losing their jobs" to work shorter hours. The report concluded: "Our research confirms that Britain's long-hours culture is seriously undermining the quality of life. We must challenge this culture, for everyone's sake."

So Linda Kelsey's famous retreat from *She* magazine last month was only the tip of an iceberg. We should all go home, play more. Professor Cooper sets aside time from stress-observing to swim twice a week, and support Manchester City. Such therapeutic solutions — like laughter, solitude, music — may seem staggeringly obvious.

As John Masefield said: "The days that make us happy make us wise." It seems we need regularly reminding of this. Nobody on his deathbed has ever been heard to say: "I wish I'd spent more time at the office."

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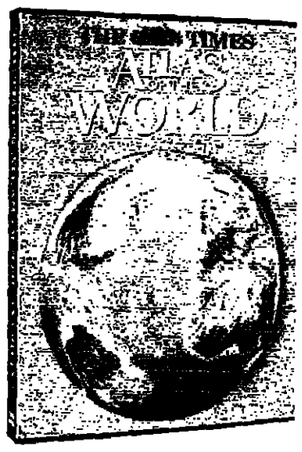
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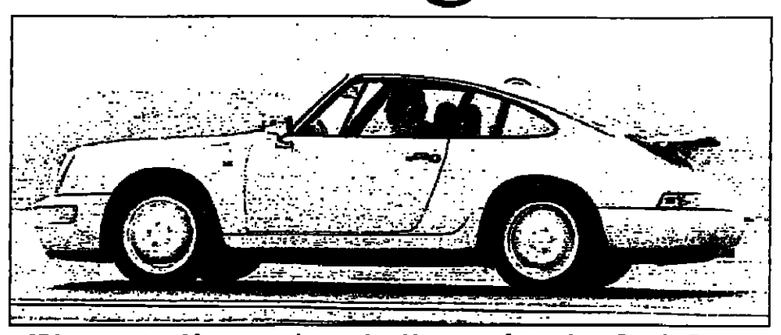
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It's too soon to exhume the Eighties

Joseph Connolly argues that it is early days for the BBC to celebrate a decade of greed and grot



We remember them all too well . . . Margaret Thatcher, the dominant political figure of the Eighties, "Saint" Bob Geldof, in full voice, and the style guru Peter York, who is resurrecting the era for BBC2



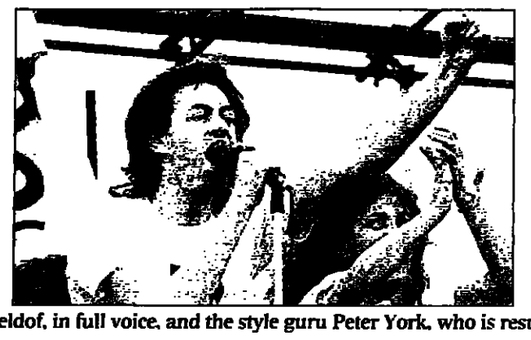
Ultimate street cred for a generation convinced it was on a fast track — a Porsche Carrera





NETWORK

The Filofax and the mobile phone were essential for a yuppie to be taken seriously





THIS year had very little to do with the Nineties. The flag-waving glut of wartime nostalgia, culminating in the VE Day celebrations (when the memory of powdered egg and whale meat acquired a glamour previously unseen), seemed to segue seamlessly into the latest of the perennial Sixties revivals.

This, in turn, spiralled relentlessly — rather in the manner of the cacophonous climax to the *Sergeant Pepper* album — and finally gave riotous birth to the ultimate orgy of Beatlefest.

Just when you might have thought it was safe to slink back into real time — if only for the brief period until the futurists hit us hard with the millennium onslaught — BBC2 emerges with a surprise up its sleeve in the form of *Peter York's The Eighties*.

The Eighties? The 1880s? No, not a bit. We are talking now of that somewhat dumb and rapacious decade of Porsche-driving, mobile phone-toting, Filofax-wielding yuppies, that petered out just six years ago, and is therefore — in the view of author, presenter and "style guru" Peter York — more than ripe for minute dissection.

In real life, York runs a managerial consultancy and is also, I quote, "Chairman of the Leisure and Learning Committee of the Government's 'Forsyte' Institute under the auspices of the Office of Science and Technology". So now you know.

This is no one-off cod documentary. Here is a six-part analysis of quite ridiculously recent social history, accompanied by the mandatory BBC book of the series as well as a season of Eighties films (including such deathless classics as *High Spirits* and *Something Wild*), *plus* an eight-part series devoted solely to Eighties music. The National Portrait Gallery, God help us, is chipping in with an exhibition of paintings, photographs and sculpture of "people of the decade".

So who were these Eighties faces? The people who started things, changed things and made things happen, presumably. Margaret Thatcher, then; Bob Geldof, say. Who else? Peter York's opening episode is entitled *Pioneers*, and makes great play of such figures as Steve Strange (founder of the posey night-club Blitz, and very difficult to make head or tail of, not solely because he speaks through just one nostril) and "writer" Robert Elms — not easy to follow as a result of the media's best-known and most irritatingly cocky glottal stop. (*pace* Janet Street-Porter). According to Elms, the Eighties came about thus. "We just said we'd had enough of the Seventies — we're gonna pa-ee." Considerable depth is demonstrated by Gary Kemp, of Spandau Ballet, who recalled that "you felt profound if you were all dressed the same". Says Peter York: "These kids were voguey."

This is not real, right? There's more: Marilyn (for it is he, now 30 and looking like a raddled Afghan hound) says that dressing up as a glamorous woman every night was "damn hard work" (he means it, he doesn't smile) and that the experience at Blitz was often "hideous" because "straight boys from Streatham kept putting their fingers up my skirt". One anonymous loser, however, describes the sensation of being permitted to enter Blitz as the greatest of his life.

Robert Elms was determined that there had to be "an end to everything Seventies — a refusal that life had to be grotty", but by God the Eighties as represented here looked just about as grotty as life can get.

So what is going on? Why are we summoning up instant history and scratching away at it as if there is profit to be made? Surely the whole enterprise is one of Peter York's more elaborate practical jokes (he can claim to be the author of some rather good ones — most notably the acutely observed and horribly funny *Sloane Ranger Handbook*, co-written with Ann Barr, which actually came to be seen as a manual of *style*). Is York having us on? Is he goading his ever-so-eager interviewees into competing for the Prat-of-the-Eighties award? Or, in his maddeningly arch and just about urbane manner, is he merely giving them enough rope, and then standing back to watch the lynching?

> 'You felt profound if you were all dressed the same'

A lot may be gleaned from his typically condescending opening statement, as he straightens his tie knot on the first of innumerable occasions (he is also a tireless cuff shooter). Here, indeed, is the Peter York of old, the same as in the Eighties, dressing, I am sure he imagines, just like John Steed, with period hairstyle intact (Cliff Richard circa *The Young Ones*, and the exclusive preserve of Cypriot barbers ever since).

"How were the Eighties for you?" he inquires in a sardonic deadpan. "Did you have a wonderful time — fun, love and money all the way?" And then the ingratiating disclaimer: "I had the most absurd job possible: Style Editor for a glossy. Documenting it, labelling it, being there. Now it's over, people tell me they feel confused, a bit guilty — in denial about their Eighties selves."

Oh, come off it — do they *really*? He concludes: "Don't you think it's time we talked about it?" No I don't. It's nowhere near time to talk about it because it's all so recent as to be unforgotten, all so familiar as to be a bore.

And why on earth, if documenting the Eighties was "the most absurd job possible", is the man hellbent on doing it all again? Several possible reasons jostle for attention — money being among the pushiest. In the light of this, what is the licence-payer getting this time, and does the average punter really need it?

He could certainly do without the second episode. I should have thought: it is called *Property* (all the episode titles begin with P: *Plutocrats*, *Pushers*, *Paradise* — cute, no?) and may be seen to be the perfect illustration of why the painfully raw and recent should be left well alone: estate agents crow about the boom, the gazumping, the fabulous profits, the irresistible lure of ownership.

Great viewing for all those still trapped by negative equity. Clear evidence that in many ways (the same government, after all, is still in power) the Eighties are not yet over.

And here is the nub: all these convenient bite-sized all-purpose and predigested histories are so self-evidently spurious, not to say distortive, for the simple reason that decades do not obligingly commence on January 1 of their inaugural year.

The "swinging" Sixties began about 1963 and lingered for nine years — taking over from the Fifties, which didn't really get going until about 1958. But the soundbites and the popular imagery persist for not only these decades but for all of the rest of them back to the Twenties; the crassness of such snap and easy summings up compounded by the accompanying same few, often wholly unrepresentative, hit tunes of the period. (The music pervading Peter York's *The Eighties* is just as dire as you recall it to have been.) Thus, the Twenties roared, Bertie Wooster said pip-pip to bright young things with short, beaded dresses and long cigarette-holders. In the Thirties, everyone lived among Bauhaus artefacts, their bottoms cradled by nickle-plated cantilever chairs as Cole Porter swung, and Fred and Ginger tripped the light fantastic.

> Is it a confident stroll — or is he simply smug?

During the Forties, we either all pulled together, or else were summarily evacuated (although Vera Lynn did promise we would meet again, although she was unsure as to where or, come to that, when). And, as simply everybody recalls, the Fifties were just like the musicals *Grease* and *Buddy* on the one hand, or else all about beatniks and see-through Pyrex coffee cups on the other.

On the stroke of midnight December 31, 1969, the Sixties (Carnaby Street, Twiggy, moptops *ad nauseum*) became the Decade That Taste Forgot, and now we have the official and protracted verdict on the Eighties: godawful, on the face of it. Only within the past five years are really authoritative books about the war and postwar period emerging, benefiting from hindsight, scholarship and previously unavailable material; this *fin de siècle* of ours can be no more than individual and selective memory for at least another 25 years. ("Rebel" MP Teresa Gorman's own somewhat surprising Eighties recollection, incidentally, is that all women were viewed by the Establishment as being either "nannies, grannies or fannies".)

Peter York, guru (Chambers definition: spiritual adviser) could well split the nation — not over the often laughable content of the series, but because of his unignorable manner. Is this a confident stroll, or is he just insufferably smug? Why does he walk in front of his interviewees? Why, for no apparent reason, do *four* Peter Yorks appear simultaneously on our screen? I don't think we need to be told.

Not content with canning the Eighties, York concludes the series with the obligatory pessimistic and wholly unfounded prophecy: "If you hated the Eighties, you're going to have a real problem with the rest of the Nineties." During which time, no doubt, he will be back to tell us how we are going to struggle through the millennium. Truly, pop social history has all but eaten itself — but here is such ample evidence of wilful force-feeding that the outcome can only be bile.

● *The first episode of* The Eighties *is on January 6 (BBC2). The Sounds of the Eighties starts on January 12. Peter York's* The Eighties, *BBC Books (£12.99).*

'There is no male conspiracy'

Martin Fletcher on the woman who is telling America's feminists to stop whining

Laura Ingraham has always been perverse. She was almost alone among her Connecticut high school peers in celebrating Ronald Reagan's 1979 presidential victory. She edited a renegade student newspaper that was the scourge of Dartmouth College's liberal establishment and was twice sued for libel. In the mid-1980s she spent time in El Salvador, "subjugating Third World nations," as she half-jokingly puts it, and in 1992 applied — successfully — to clerk for Clarence Thomas, the black conservative Supreme Court judge whose name had been irrevocably besmirched the previous year by Anita Hill's lurid sexual harassment charges. Her car number plate then was FAR RITE.

Now 31, Miss Ingraham is a lawyer in one of Washington's top law firms, drives a military-green Land Rover and runs marathons, but her revolutionary fervour remains undimmed.

She is one of the stormtroopers of the Gingrich revolution. The *New York Times's Sunday Magazine* identified her as part of Washington's new conservative "opinion elite" and photographed her for its cover in a leopard-skin mini-skirt. But while her radical friends focus their fire almost exclusively on big government and the welfare state, her particular quarry is a feminist movement that has been "co-opted by the hard Left", imposing a suffocating orthodoxy on America.

She concedes early that feminists did good work opening doors to education and employment but insists women have now achieved equality of opportunity. She claims to know of no case of a woman being barred from a profession because of her sex. "We have to stop whining. We have to start realising there is no great male conspiracy to keep women down," she bluntly asserts during an interview in her ninth-floor office near the White House whose walls are decorated with signed photographs from President Reagan and Mr Justice Thomas and a bumper sticker proclaiming 'Clinton/Gore — Out in 4'.

Since the Republicans swept to power on Capitol Hill last November, Miss Ingraham has seemed ubiquitous — attacking affirmative action programmes for women on television shows, testifying before congressional committees and writing articles for the *New York*, *Washington* and *Los Angeles Times*. "The idea that women are constantly thwarted by invisible barriers of sexism relegates them to permanent victim status," she argues.



Laura Ingraham: on the right side

Miss Ingraham is not a lone crusader. She is merely the chief "grenade thrower" of the Independent Women's Forum, a small but fast-growing group of smart, sophisticated high-achievers who feel — in the words of Barbara LeDeen, the IWF's executive director — that feminists should have long ago "declared victory and gone home". They have equally little in common with traditional conservative women's organisations like Concerned Women of America with its emphasis on God and family.

Just three years old, the IWF is making waves out of all proportion to its size. It has filed a legal brief in support of all-male military colleges that are being sued to admit women. It campaigns against national "Take Your Daughter to Work Day", arguing that sons need encouragement much more. It denounced July's UN Women's Conference in Peking, starring Hillary Clinton.

The IWF has been fighting to reverse both the 1994 Violence Against Women Act, which it considers a costly bureaucratic sop to the feminist lobby, and a court ruling that universities must provide equivalent sports facilities for men and women. The IWF claims that ruling is forcing colleges to disband male football teams because they can neither fund more women's sports nor find enough females to participate.

The group's most mischievous foray was to back Paula Jones's sexual harassment suit against President Clinton. Its aim was to expose the hypocrisy of feminist groups who gleefully supported Anita Hill's charges against Clarence Thomas but refused to back similar charges against a Democratic president. Miss Ingraham was obliged to take an uncharacteristically low profile in that case because her firm was defending Mr Clinton.

The IWF has attracted funding from conservative foundations, publishes a quarterly magazine and boasts the high-powered wives of Richard Cheney, President Bush's Defence Secretary, and Phil Gramm, the Republican presidential candidate, among its members.

Though IWF has barely 700 members, compared to the National Organisation of Women's 260,000, it is "winning the war of ideas," claims Miss Ingraham.

Tomorrow she embarks on her most ambitious project yet, a "Dark Ages Weekend", a conservative alternative to the liberal "Renaissance Weekend" the Clintons attend on South Carolina's Hilton Head Island each New Year.

She has assembled an impressive steering committee, smokers will be welcomed, political correctness banned, and participants must pledge to avoid the Clintonesque habit of "feeling each other's pain".



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Philip Howard



■ When travelling in the snow, follow Dr Johnson's advice and stay at home

The Swiss do it. Finns keep their wheels turning through snow 20 times deeper than our shallow crust. Why cannot we descendants of globe-marauding pirates, merchant venturers, empire-builders and explorers of frozen wastes travel through snow? In a letter to Hugh Perkins on July 28, 1782, Dr Johnson, that armchair traveller who enjoyed a very occasional jaunt, gave his friend rules for going on a journey. Updated, they still make sound advice.

1. Travel by a conveyance that has been in snow before. The Christmas-card stagecoach on which Johnson jaunted to Edinburgh and Lichfield has grown rusty. But the motorised Stagecoach will get you down the M6, even though it has knee-room for only a chimpanzee and cruelly wakes you for a compulsory tea-break if you manage to fall asleep.

2. If you must fly, pick a regular airline that is acclimatised to adverse weather, not the new Irish one offering wonderfully cheap and convenient flights between Prestwick and Stansted, of all pretty boondocks.

3. As soon as the cheerful announcer announces that your aircraft has not yet left Stansted to pick you up because visibility is still under 100 metres, remember the all-day freezing fogs of East Anglia. Be decisive and make alternative arrangements. Do not hang on for the imminent news that the announcer promises to make you cheer.

4. Carry plenty of books, in case the only book worth reading in the Prestwick "gift shop" turns out to be a travel romance by Andrew Sinclair, in which his clan ancestors roam to the far corners of the world from Peking to Vancouver without undue difficulty, apart from the Crimean War and Custer's last stand. Even the ship transporting the Sinclair crofters from their Highland clearances takes off on time.

5. Do not think about frugality. Your health and peace of mind are worth far more than any savings made. When you eventually do panic as the brief sun sets shivering into the Atlantic, take a minicab rather than public transport, however full Strathclyde buses may be of cheery folk with their snow horror stories of Glasgow being colder than Siberia and indeed the North Pole.

6. When approached by a friendly Glasgow matron with clipboard asking for help with a market survey grading airline services from very good to poor, simply and calmly state that such things are against your religion.

7. Cast away all anxiety, and, keep your mind easy. Samuel's advice is sound, though easier given than followed as the lost travellers swirl around seeking advice about the state of the runway from work experience colleens in tartan and Irish livery.

8. Take now and then a day's rest, says Sam. But departure lounges are not restful places for even half an hour, with canned music, only partially audible announcements and mass anxiety.

9. Carry plenty of small change for telephones and Underground ticket dispensers, on the off chance that you find one that is still working now that the Christmas break is technically over. Write down the magic freephone number of the office before you set off, in case you garble its frequent zeros out of order. Take phone cards and even postage stamps in case you are delayed.

10. Wear boots for tramping through snow that crackles underfoot like powdered bones. Turn all care out of your head as soon as you mount the boarding-ramp. But it is the care that builds up while you are turned back from the brink of the boarding-ramp that gives the voyager travel-sickness.

11. Remember, this is not Siberian hell, not even Glaswegian hell, just winter. Because it bites seldom we are unprepared for it. Because we are economical, we "save" money on travel — so wasting time, money and peace of mind in this false economy.

12. Remember the wartime slogan: "Is your journey *really* necessary". Remember the poet Horace, stay at home, put another degree on the central heating, fill your glass with the modern Falernian, and admire the snow through gently steaming windows. Remember Samuel Johnson, full of sage advice for those contemplating a winter journey — but very difficult to tempt from his armchair, his fireside, his friends and his familiar warm home of life and work.

Tory policies have transformed manufacturing industry, says **Tim Congdon**, so why are we no better off?

Where have all Britain's middle-aged men gone?

The annual rate of increase in British manufacturing productivity was four times higher in the 15 years that spanned 1979-94 than in the six years from 1973-79. This fourfold acceleration put Britain virtually at the top of the international league table, with only Japan achieving a marginally faster rate of advance.

Why was this dramatic change not accompanied by a broader improvement in economic performance? In one way the explanation is simple. Over the past 20 years manufacturing has always been less than a quarter of the economy. So a rise in manufacturing productivity growth, no matter how spectacular, cannot generate a miracle for the whole economy. There must also be a higher growth rate in productivity in services, construction, farming and so on. As it happens, productivity growth in these other activities has been much the same under the present Government as before.

But the transformation of British manufacturing ought still to have had some impact on the growth rate of total national product. With manufacturing productivity growing at 4 per cent a year since 1979 compared with 1 per cent before, and with manufacturing representing more than a fifth of the economy, the growth rate of gross domestic product ought to have been boosted by about 0.5 to 0.75 per cent a year.

However, recent growth trends suggest that this has not happened. While there is room for debate about the amount of spare capacity (if any) currently in the British economy, the behaviour of the key data is more consistent with the idea that the trend growth rate since 1979 has been 2.25, or at most 2.5 per cent, than with the claim that it has been nearly 3 per cent a year.

A trend growth rate of 2.25 or 2.5 per cent a year is no higher than that achieved on average over the past 50 years. So what has gone wrong? Why has the revolution in manufacturing not been followed by an increase in Britain's overall growth rate?

The question becomes even more puzzling when it is noted that the number of people at work today is much the same as it was 16 years ago, at about 25 million. If output per head in manufacturing has almost doubled, why has there not been some positive effect, however small, on the growth of total output? Has productivity growth outside manufacturing actually deteriorated under the Conservatives?

In an accounting sense, it is true that the growth of output per head in the dominant non-manufacturing part of the economy has been slower since 1979 than was typically the case in the preceding 30 or 40 years. But the productivity of the same type of worker doing the same kind of non-manufacturing job for the same length of time each week has, on the whole, been increasing at much the same rate over the last 16 years as before.

The trouble is that the type of worker, the nature of work and the length of the average working week have all been changing. The composition of the British working population today is quite different from what it was in 1979. This change in labour-force composition goes far to explain the disappointing growth.

To understand the importance of changing labour-force composition, a sweeping generalisation has to be made. This is that the most productive type of worker is a male working full-time between the ages of 35 and 65. In the era of officially sponsored equality between the sexes and of government blessing for flexible part-time working, this generalisation may seem controversial, even shocking. However, it is amply confirmed by all surveys of individual workers' pay, including the annual New Earnings Survey prepared by the Department of Employment. The latest NES, carried out in April, showed that on average women work slightly fewer hours than men and earn 72 per cent as much. Meanwhile, part-time employees typically work about 15 hours a week,

> Too many skilled men have been made redundant at their most productive age

compared with almost 40 hours a week for full-time employees. Part-time workers' earnings are only slightly more than a third those of full-time workers.

Assume that the differences in pay reflect underlying differences in productivity. (This too may seem a little presumptuous and offend the feminist lobby, but the alternatives are arbitrary and less plausible.) It is then easy to show that the change in the composition of the British labour force since 1979 has significantly reduced national output.

First, in June 1979, 60 per cent of the workforce were men, but in June 1995 this had fallen to 55 per cent. Whereas the number of men at work has fallen by about 1.25 million over the past 16 years, the number of women has increased by about 1.25 million. With the total number of both men and women in work taken as given, the shift towards greater female employment since 1979 has reduced national output by almost 1.5 per cent. Alternatively, if the number of men employed today were the same as in 1979, total employment would be 1.25 million higher than it actually is, and national output would be increased by roughly 6 per cent.

Secondly, the role of part-time employment has doubled to more than 12 per cent in the 16 years of Conservative rule. As part-time workers are about a third as productive as full-time workers, the expansion in the part-time share has cut national output by perhaps 3.5 to 4 per cent.

The changed composition of the workforce can therefore be "blamed" for a loss of national output of somewhere between 5 and 10 per cent. There is no precise figure, because it depends on the preferred assumption about "what might have happened, but didn't". But even allowing for the uncertainties, there can be little dispute that the shift towards more female employment and the growth in part-time employment have reduced Britain's growth rate relative to what it might otherwise have been.

Indeed, the 5 to 10 per cent loss of output due to the changed composition of the workforce equates over 16 years to a loss in the annual national growth rate of 0.3 to 0.6 per cent, roughly matching the gain that ought to have resulted from faster growth in manufacturing productivity. When a further allowance is made for higher unemployment, it becomes clear why the manufacturing miracle has failed to boost Britain's overall growth rate.

What follows from this? The key point is that because Britain has failed to retain enough middle-aged men in full-time employment it has been unable to translate huge manufacturing productivity gains into a general strengthening of its economic performance. Too many men have stopped full-time work just as they ought, in the second half of their careers, to have been most productive. To some extent they have been replaced by lower paid and less productive women.

A cheerful interpretation is that people are taking out the benefits of increased productivity in earlier retirement and shorter working weeks. The gloomy interpretation is that the productivity gains in manufacturing have been achieved only by heavy redundancies of skilled and able men.

But one conclusion is definite. The Conservatives' policies of privatisation, deregulation and trade union reform, and of reducing government intervention in industry, have boosted the efficiency and international competitiveness of British manufacturing. The weakness in the Government's policies has not been here, but in the failure to keep a vital and highly productive group of people (ie, men in late middle age) fully employed. This failure is probably due, at least in some part, to perverse work incentives created by some of Britain's social security and tax arrangements.

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Why Tony Blair is looking East

Denis MacShane on the lessons the Asian tigers hold for Labour's leader



The news that Tony Blair is heading for the Far East on a major fact-finding trip over the new year holiday is a long-overdue recognition on the left of British politics that Asia now occupies the commanding heights of the world economy.

For years, Labour representatives have alternatively patronised or been terrified of Asia. At the TUC in 1990, left-wingers denounced what they called "alien" practices of the Japanese car firms which had arrived in the nick of time to save the British car industry from the twin stupidities of uncontrolled shop-stewardism in the workplace in the 1970s and the deindustrialisation policies of the early 1980s.

Although the Japanese, Korean and now Taiwanese companies setting up business in Britain have been more ready than many British firms to deal with trade unions, the metaphor of "coolie" wages, with all its racist undertones, is still to be heard. In fact, to anyone who has travelled and worked in Asia, as I did in the 1980s and 1990s, the astonishing rise to wealth of many of the East and South-East Asian peoples and economies has been nothing short of a miracle.

Hong Kong and Singapore now have a higher output per person than Britain. In Korea and Taiwan, there are blue-collar and professional workers who earn more than their equivalents here.

Conservative commentators have painted Asia as the way forward for Britain, usually in contrast to Europe. Michael Portillo, the anti-European in the Cabinet, is heading for Japan in Blair's footsteps to learn his own lessons from the Asian model.

In the battle for the soul of post-election Conservatism, the "Asianists" believe the economic example of the Far East is to be preferred to that of Europe, and that Britain should reshape itself as a giant, dynamic Hong Kong, offshore from the underperforming continentals. In fact, the most profitable economic relations between Europe and Asia are not controlled by British enterprises but by old-fashioned German, French, Dutch and Swiss firms and banks which have been quietly trading in Asia for decades. The streets of Jakarta hum with the sound of air-conditioned Volvos and Mercedes with, alas, hardly a Jag or Rover in sight.

In his recent Conservative Central Office lecture, Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, appealed for Britain to bring central government expenditure down to around 30 per cent of national earnings — the secret, he argued, of the success of the dynamic "tiger" economies in Asia.

Yet Patten's statistics are shaky. According to the World Bank's 1995 World Development Report, government expenditure in Singapore was 19.7 per cent of gross national product, while in Korea it was 17.1 per cent. Yet in Pakistan and the Philippines, the share of total wealth taken by Government was even smaller, about half the expenditure in percentage terms of the Hong Kong Government itself. If reduced government expenditure were the simple panacea for national wealth, Pakistan should be rich and Hong Kong poor.

Instead, Blair will have to dig deeper into the reasons for Asian success. There is no simple, all-embracing Asian model that can be transposed to Britain. But from a centre-left perspective there are many aspects of Asian economies from which Britain can and should learn.

It may be too much to dream of the Government owning all the land, as it does in Hong Kong, and leasing it out to provide a steady flow of income, but the massive public housing programme in the New Territories is in line with Labour's thinking about allowing local councils to spend the receipts from selling council houses to build new homes.

If the Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown, proposed a compulsory 25 per cent deduction from all incomes, plus a 15 per cent levy on employer payrolls paid by the employer to finance a fund supervised by central government to cover medical care, pensions and housing, he would be denounced as a leftist zealot. Yet the Central Provident Fund in Singapore is based on a massive employer-employee deduction which provides the Government with a huge mass of low-interest money for investment.

In Taiwan, steelworkers and journalists earn more than they do in Britain. Yet the ratio between top and bottom earnings in Taiwanese companies is rarely of the order eight to one. Compare this with Britain, where the head of NatWest earns one hundred times the starting salary of a NatWest cashier in Rotherham. The national minimum wage in Taiwan is set at 70 per cent of median earnings, helping to prevent the widening income gap that leaves so many people in Britain fully employed yet desperately poor and dependent on state handouts.

Countries such as Korea and Malaysia, which two decades ago imported automobiles, have not been frightened to begin their car industries from scratch, and now Daewoo and Proton cars sell very well in Britain. Japanese firms recognise trade unions and negotiate freely with them.

To critics in Britain, the Japanese unions are, so to speak, yellow outfits under the employer's thumb. And yet for 30 years the Japanese worker received a regular real increase in wages sufficient to set a high level of domestic demand. All over Asia, workers can now buy what they produce, as an egalitarian income system has supported domestic consumption.

Key common themes have been massive investment in education and constant upgrading of manufacturing investment. Japan, Korea and Taiwan are now exporting their out-of-date assembly plants to Britain, while they move upstream to new technologies and new products. Taiwan has 9,000 students in higher education in Britain, while the chances of finding a British business leader who can speak adequate Chinese or Korean are practically nil.

There is a dark side to Asia's development which cannot be ignored. Traditions of authoritarianism, denial of human rights and degradation of women have contributed to the economic take-off. But a new questing democracy can be seen everywhere.

The Taipei press is much more critical of the ruling Government than would be tolerated in most European countries, including Britain. In Korea and Japan, politically corrupt leaders are exposed and their careers are destroyed. Only the shadow of totalitarian China looms over the steady establishment of democratic traditions in the region.

Government direction of the economy through supply-side measures such as education and credit control has played a key role in Asia's development, but these have not been on the British political agenda for 20 years. Government direction, however, is not the same as feather-bedding. Industries unable to modernise have been left to wither.

So for Labour there is much to learn from Asia that is in tune with the traditional values of the democratic Left. For much of the 20th century, Labour has been seen as an agent for a fairer distribution of national wealth. If Labour is to prosper in the 21st century, it must become the shaper of a new programme for the British economy. And if Britain wants to develop fully, its political leaders must look East.

● *The author is Labour MP for Rotherham.*

Chip buddy

CHANCELLORS of the Exchequer tend to be a well-covered bunch who love their grub, and the present incumbent is no exception, according to staff. He loves a good plate of chips and is yearning to get back to his office in the new year to settle in for a wholesome nosh-up at the Treasury canteen.



Big eater: Kenneth Clarke

The pie-and-a-pint Chancellor has astonished civil servants with his regularity at the canteen counter. Not one of his predecessors has shown such hungry enthusiasm for its stodge.

"It's not something I have done regularly over the years in other departments but it's a habit I have got into in the Treasury, " he explained this week, sounding distinctly dyspeptic from a surfeit of turkey.

"The canteen is just above my office and the food is all right. They try. I usually have something with chips, and they do a very good line in crumble — the banana is especially good." Then he added, after being cut short, "Oh dear. My wife is looking disapproving".

The cheery Chancellor's appearances are a fillip to staff, say canteen regulars, who complained recently when the potato portions were sliced from four spuds to three. "When he comes in, he tucks in," says one of his team. "The place is full of senior managers and they all try to sit next to him."

● *Our boys in Bosnia won't be short of a gasper this New Year. Hanson plc, which owns Imperial Tobacco, has sent a cargo of half a million Regal cigarettes to warm their celebrations.*

Our Fatherless

WOMEN priests have made their mark on the new edition of *Crockford's Clerical Dictionary*. In the 1995/96 edition, the section "How to Address the Clergy" has given the heave-ho to the affectionate term Father.

When starting a letter, or addressing a priest in speech, the latest edition advises the form: "Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Smith (unless it is known that some other style is preferred)."

In contrast, the 1993/94 edition suggested: "Mr Smith (Father Smith, if a priest prefers this)". The term Father has been common parlance ever since the Revd Charles Lowder took the sacraments into East End slums in the 1860s, and his parishioners called him Father. Traditionalists are appalled by Crockford's alterations, and the Church Commissioners have been quick to man the barricades. "The policy hasn't changed," says a spokesman. "Father can still be used."

Duck and dive

A NEW YEAR honour for servility to his boss should go to an employee of the Queen's first cousin, the Earl Granville.

Granville's salmon-farm manager on the frozen Hebridean island of North Uist, Dick Troughton, was out shooting duck the other day for the lord's New Year's Eve supper table. He spotted a brace, raised his gun and let loose both barrels to hit his prey, which went tumbling into a sea loch.

"The tide was taking them out to sea and the dog is pretty hopeless, so I had to go in after them," says a cheerful Troughton, who dived in fully-clothed to retrieve his quarry. "After going to that trouble I wasn't going to let them go. I didn't have to swim too far and the adrenalin was pumping, but it was absolute brass monkeys. I hope the duck are worth it."

Pedal power

DISASTER has befallen a retired Church of England canon and former vice-chancellor of Oxford University. Dr John Kelly, 86, was carefully edging his new Ford Fiesta out of a parking space when he hit the accelerator and shot through a shop window.

"I was reversing," he explained as he recovered, shaken, at his Oxford home. "My foot slipped from the brake on to the accelerator and instead of moving back slowly, I darted back out of control."

The religious and historical writer, author of the *Oxford Dictionary of Popes*, swiped a lady cyclist during the manoeuvre and was contrite yesterday. But he has no plans yet to fold away his driving gloves.

● *They should be cracking open the bottles in the Labour whips' office after the new year. The teetotal deputy chief whip, Don Dixon, is leaving during the recess, and his departure follows that of his equally abstemious former boss, Derek Foster, earlier in the year. "A slight change of culture is on the way," burped a festive insider.*



"I don't want the wallet, pal. It's your jumper I'm after."

Déjà vu

AUDIENCES have been flocking to see the revival of the musical *Company* by the young director Sam Mendes at the Donmar Warehouse in London.

The show stars Sophie Thompson, whose older and more famous sister Emma separated from Kenneth Branagh earlier this year. She puts up a convincing show as Amy, a girl who fails to marry her suitor, Paul, portrayed admirably by Michael Simkins. Could the couple's impressive performance be inspired by their own entanglement some time ago?

Although Sophie married recently, Michael Simkins is a former fiancé, and theatre-goers have remarked on the verisimilitude of the romantic moments between them.



Clincher: Michael and Sophie

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GOLAN IN MARYLAND

Israel and Syria begin the search for peace

An innovative pattern of diplomacy seems to be emerging from Washington. Last month, bloodied Bosnia came to Ohio: the tireless Clinton Administration, alert to the conciliatory qualities of solitude, "gated" the warring parties of the former Yugoslavia at a disused air base in Dayton. Talk till you drop, the parties were told, and then some more: a peace treaty, however flawed, was conceived as a result. Four weeks later, interlocutors from Israel and Syria — foes no less implacable than those from Balkan battlegrounds — are sharing a plantation house in Maryland. Under the sage eye of Warren Christopher, a patron saint of peace in the Middle East, the two sides are better inclined to approach the matter of peace than they have ever been before.

Comparisons with Bosnia, however, must not be pursued too far. The Syrian-Israeli talks at the elegant Wye Plantation are being conducted at a lower level than were those at Dayton; and the two countries, while consistently hostile to each other for decades, have not waged active war since 1973. And the talks, whose foundation was prepared only days ago by the Israeli Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, are still mired in questions procedural.

Yet both Israel and Syria, for all their lack of formal communication, know each other supremely well. Just as Tel Aviv is aware of the varied demands of Damascus, so too are the Syrians now familiar with the pressures which exert themselves on Mr Peres. The murder of Yitzhak Rabin by a Jewish fundamentalist, in the starkness of its tragedy, has illustrated better to Hafez al-Assad the true nature of Israel's existential turmoil: it is said that he did not comprehend this before; he has no excuse for failing to see it now.

At Maryland, and later, the talks between the two countries will be a vehicle not so much for explanation and exegesis as for bargaining and concession. The fundamental change wrought this December — by Mr Peres as much as by Mr Assad — is that while neither side has indicated that it will rush into concession, both have made clear that the negotiations will not be blighted by taboos. Of course Syria wants the occupied Golan Heights back, and every inch of the territory in question; and of course Israel will not cede an inch of the territory it seized from Syria if Damascus will simply put troops back on the strategic land and refuse to enter into diplomatic relations with the Jewish state. But both sides appear to have abandoned the sterile "zero-sum game" which marked their earlier discourse. Israel will talk to Syria, as will Syria to Israel, without securing at the very outset the fullest range of concessions from the other.

Wearily, like boxers in a long fight, both Governments have realised that the costs of enmity are too high. Syria is impoverished: a quasi-pariah with the West, possessed of scant resources, it needs the material bounty that a comprehensive peace with Israel will surely bring. Israel, too, needs swiftly to end the niggling war on its northern front with Lebanon, which only the puppet-master in Damascus can bring to an end. With the increasingly swift implementation of accords with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Mr Peres has now the momentum and the confidence to focus squarely on the Syrian track of the comprehensive peace for which he so yearns.

The Israeli Prime Minister is aware, however, that peace with Syria will be the most difficult of all. Not only does he have a wily opponent in Mr Assad — who, unelected, has not the test of public opinion to face — he has opponents too within Israel for whom any withdrawal from the Golan would be akin to treason. Israel still needs American support. Only Washington can ensure that the momentum for peace survives beyond the seclusion in Maryland.

ROYAL LIONESS

The year that is about to end will be remembered as the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. It will also be remembered as the year of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. No figure in national life so vividly personified the emotions stirred by the celebrations of the end of that world earthquake and the beginnings of our brave new world. To those who lived through this great struggle, and those not yet born, the Queen Mother was the symbol of national memory and collective pride in 1995.

This will have come as no surprise to astrologers, who knew that this year was bound to be an extraordinary one for Leos like the Queen Mother. Leo, the sign of those with birthdays from July 21 to August 21, is at the centre of the zodiac, much as the Sun is at the centre of the solar system. It is the natural star sign of monarchy, of those destined by nature or genealogy to rule. Leos tend, they say, to be warm, radiant and loved by all who meet them. Their charisma is not the same as egoism; it is the justified confidence of those who know that they have much to give. Leos realise that their friends will admire and trust them.

The nation was supremely fortunate to have such a person as the focus of its VE-Day and VJ-Day celebrations. Anniversaries always raise questions, and this one prompted a fair few. Was Churchill right to fight on for as long as he did? Did the postwar settlement betray the British Empire to the emerging American superpower? Was it right or even strategically useful to bomb Dresden? Have the Japanese done enough to atone for the horrors they visited upon Allied prisoners of war? There are no easy answers to such questions. The findings of revisionist historians have made them all the more complex.

Yet when the Queen Mother appeared before the crowds gathered outside Buckingham Palace on VE-Day, the British public was in no doubt that it was commemorating a just war. The nuances of the conflict will continue to be debated; but — for ordinary Britons — its essential morality remains an article of faith. The steadfast figure of the Queen Mother during this year's festivities reminded the nation of why the battle had been fought and of the 50 years of peace that have followed the defeat of the Nazi foe.

The last year has been another difficult one for the Royal Family. In spite of this, the concern generated by the Queen Mother's hip operation — and the considerable joy generated by its success — showed how fundamental the relationship between the monarchy and the British public remains. Her belief in duty, family life and public service survives and prospers among her daughter's subjects. As old as the century, the Queen Mother is still a potent force at the heart of the nation. Astrologers predict a happy and peaceful year for those born under her star sign. We respectfully hope that this prediction comes true for the nation's favourite Leo in 1996.

BUYING THE SHOP

Impulse buying in the sales can clean out the store

There is a wonderfully satisfying ring to that decisive little phrase: "I'll take the lot." On the one side, it implies an impulsive munificence, a braggadocio, a carelessness with the trifles of cost that arouses the Gatsby instinct in us all; to the bemused salesman to whom such words are uttered, the phrase suggests an unexpected windfall, a bounteous reward for patience taken to display the full variety of wares, a smug satisfaction that yet another client has been persuaded to buy more than strictly necessary. But rarely has the phrase been used to such startling effect as when it was reportedly said to Martin Barnett, the owner of a furnishing shop near Marble Arch. At first he claimed that the sheikh who jumped the queue for the Boxing Day sales had misunderstood the "sale" notices; but when he found that the visitor did indeed want the entire contents of the shop — sofas, chairs, lamps and furnishings — he says he could only wonder at his good fortune.

The sheikh, rumoured to be a member of Qatar's ruling al-Thani family, was apparently acting on a charming caprice: he wanted to recreate Mr Barnett's shop in Dubai so that his third wife, captivated by the excitement of shopping in London, could indulge her passion in a shopping mall nearer home. The instinct is an old one: many a rich collector has stumbled across a masterpiece and insisted on taking it home. Some, indeed, have uprooted ruins and had them transported across oceans. William Randolph Hearst was the most notorious: his eye would fall on a reredos, a Doric column or Renaissance castle, thence to be wrenched by an unlineal hand and re-erected on the Californian coast. Corporate raiders are gripped by the same acquisitive frenzy: their prey is companies — soft, lazy companies that can be hunted down, either to be stripped and gulped or mounted as trophies on the company letterhead.

Christmas brings a lull in the chase, but Granada is still hard on the heels of Rocco Forte. The most celebrated insouciance is that of Victor Kiam, the tycoon who liked to boast that because he liked Remington electric razors so much he bought the whole company. Others, however, have taken on ships, shops, restaurants and newspapers in a fit of pique and then found they have to learn the hard facts of gastronomy, subediting or gemology if their bistros, broadsheets or jewellers are not to fall flat on their balance sheets.

Some purchases on impulse turn out to be less than the buyer presumed. However much it is denied, and whatever historical documents are displayed in Arizona, there is still a widespread suspicion that the Americans who, with dazzled eyes, jumped at the offer of buying a redundant London Bridge believed at the time they were getting the big one next door with bits that went up and down. The Qatari sheikh may find that his wife tires of her selection of 150 sofas, 300 polo shirts, a spinning wheel, two embroidery machines and 300 hats. He may feel compelled to stock Mr Barnett's replica shop with new goods for the delight of the Dubai shoppers. It would be a novel form of commercial expansion; but many an enterprise, founded on whim, has gone on to glory. One day Barnett's of the Gulf may indeed be a household name.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Intervention in Afghans' civil war

From Mr Randhir Singh Bains

Sir, Your leading article, "Kabul crucible" (December 20), rightly draws the attention of the international community to the urgency of ending civil war in Afghanistan. However, peace in Afghanistan is not possible until Pakistani interference in the internal affairs of that unfortunate country is stopped.

Since the middle of 1992, relations between Islamabad and Kabul have sunk to a new low. This is hardly surprising, for Pakistan can only tolerate a "friendly" regime in Kabul. Any assertiveness on the part of an Afghan government poses a serious threat to Pakistan's grand vision of establishing an Islamic bloc, extending from the Indian Kashmir to the erstwhile Soviet Muslim republics.

That is why, in addition to supporting armed insurgencies in Kashmir and Tajikistan, Pakistan has created the Taleban militia, equipped with tanks and fighter planes, to topple the current Afghan Government.

Pakistan's strategy violates the UN Charter on sovereignty and territorial integrity of nation states. Unless the West manages to persuade Islamabad to limit its expansionism to diplomatic means, no peace effort in Afghanistan is likely to succeed.

Yours faithfully,
RANDHIR SINGH BAINS,
34 Shere Road, Gants Hill, Essex.

From Ms Elizabeth Winter and Mr Peter Marsden

Sir, We were pleased to see your recent coverage of the situation in Kabul and are glad of your support for the emergency appeals being launched for Afghanistan.

The staff of the International Committee of the Red Cross have, as you report, been doing a magnificent job in Kabul. There are staff of other agencies, however, who have also been present during the most dangerous times: they include the UN Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), and several NGOs, together with Afghan deminers working for the UN Office for Coordination on Humanitarian Affairs and the Halo Trust.

British NGOs, such as Afghanaid and the Ockenden Venture, have supported this work. CARE Britain has been working to ensure a supply of clean water, adequate sanitation and shelter for the displaced in Kabul, and the ODA recently granted £5 million to multilateral agencies and NGOs.

Afghans are themselves playing a significant role in the reconstruction of their country, despite the suffering that they have had to endure, and Islam, like Christianity elsewhere, is active in providing cohesion and meaning to a society which remains in shock from 16 years of war.

Yours etc,
ELIZABETH WINTER,
PETER MARSDEN,
British Agencies Afghanistan Group,
c/o The Refugee Council,
3-9 Bondway, SW8.

In praise of a straight-talking BBC World Service

From Mr Derek Brooke-Wavell

Sir, Remarkable indeed how our nation rallies round something it can hardly see. We judge World Service by its English transmission, crackling forth in Budapest or Tenerife. Most of us value it; a few, like Dr John Dayton (letter, December 20), find it "boring", "dreary" and "politically correct rubbish".

But of course, we British are not the intended audience. To the great majority who listen in English it is a second language, and the finer points of English expression, English cultural sensitivities and the British political debate would be double-dutch.

Hence World Service's much-lauded world perspective, shorn of British parochialism. Of course, expatriates may find this perspective a little arid. More importantly, foreign listeners may find it arid too. This is why the BBC is now moving to target the preoccupation of each major region of the world.

So much for the tip of the iceberg — World Service in English. But let us not forget that the real millions of BBC listeners in the world are hearing its other 40-odd languages. These foreign-language services have no need to be all things to all men, or to stick to simple words and concepts: each is tuned precisely to the needs and sensitivities of its own particular audience. The communication they make is real and deep; and they are trusted, through having no taint of local politics or commerce.

Many millions throughout the world are BBC fanatics. The term is not too strong. The BBC's problem is that most speak little English. When we go abroad they may be all around us, but we never meet them.

The creation of such a vast, mute constituency, is the real triumph of BBC World Service. Mute only in our terms, of course. They may not speak English but they are voters and consumers in their own countries: a high proportion occupy positions of respect.

Before our Government slices too much off the goose that lays such golden eggs, should it not worry about how well we can survive without them?

Yours sincerely,
DEREK BROOKE-WAVELL
(Head of BBC Burmese Service, 1984-1995),
40 Kidmore Road,
Caversham Heights,
Reading, Berkshire.
December 24.

From Mr R. A. Fleming

Sir, Vast numbers of people in the world still rely on radio for trustworthy news and will continue to do so for many years to come, however fast the pace of growth in satellite TV.

My experience in many parts of the world suggests that among so-called opinion-formers and policymakers the World Service has an exceptionally high reputation which, in turn, reflects favourably on general attitudes to Britain.

The World Service programmes that Dr Dayton singles out for his scorn happen to be among my favourites; until now it had never occurred to me that listening to *Play of the Week* or to Edward Greenfield talking about classical music was a "politically correct" activity, but now that I know this to be so, I shall enjoy them all the more.

Yours faithfully,
RAY FLEMING,
Camino del Castillo,
Alaro, Majorca, Spain.

From Mr Charles MacKay

Sir, I have lived in Italy for over 20 years, and am totally dependent on the World Service for information. If there is any area where Britain "punches above its weight" it is here, where the BBC has painstakingly acquired an unrivalled reputation for impartiality and professionalism. Cuts are unthinkable: increased investment essential in the national interest. My Italian friends rely on the BBC rather than on their politicised radio and television networks.

Heaven forfend that we be nourished with the thin gruel and repetitive pap of, for instance, CNN, as prescribed by Dr Dayton.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MacKAY,
Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1.
December 20.

Israel's withdrawal from Bethlehem

From Mr John Spencer

Sir, The director of the Britain Israel Public Affairs Centre, Helen Davis, seems to find it remarkable (letter, December 27) that the Israeli Army is no longer occupying the centre of Bethlehem 3,000 years after the events referred to in the Book of Ruth. She knows of no other example of a nation that enjoys absolute military authority withdrawing voluntarily from its "own" holy places.

Certainly no other nation has gone back so far in time to justify occupying its neighbours' territory. What is welcome is Israel's tacit acknowledgement that however absolute its military superiority the passage of three millennia limits its claim to land where Palestinians lived undisturbed for many generations.

Yours sincerely,
J. R. SPENCER,
38 Earlsfield Road, SW18.
December 28.

From Ms Emma Shackle

Sir, As a psychologist of religion who was evacuated as a child from Jerusalem in 1947, I would like to take issue with Mrs Davis's irresponsible use of scripture for political purposes.

At a time when some followers of the three religions of Abraham are turning to fundamentalism, which often results in fanaticism, responsible religious authorities should be studying and acknowledging the way in which native Middle Eastern spiritual and religious traditions have been distorted and misused for political propaganda over many centuries, and continue to be so.

Yours sincerely,
EMMA SHACKLE,
19 Durham Road, East Finchley, N2.
December 27.

From the President of Likud-Herut GB

Sir, Mrs Helen Davis is perfectly correct in saying that there is no other "example in history of a nation that enjoys absolute military superiority withdrawing voluntarily from its own holy places in the name of peace and reconciliation". There is also no other people in the world ready to voluntarily cede part of their homeland, leaving themselves defenceless. No other nation but the Jewish nation is ready to commit suicide.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC GRAUS,
President,
Likud-Herut GB,
143-5 Brondesbury Park, NW2.
December 27.

Tall order

From Mr Richard B. Anderson

Sir, In your interview with the tallest man in Britain (Body and Mind, December 26) you report that seating dimensions in coaches and buses were last set in the 1930s and that people on average are now two or three inches taller than they were then. When were the dimensions for seating on aircraft last fixed?

Having recently flown to and from Malaysia on 13-hour non-stop flights, economy class, I feel it is time aircraft operators revised the spacing of their seats.

I am not unduly tall at 6ft, but if an aircraft is full, as was our return flight, passengers like me can be made highly uncomfortable.

Do airline companies conduct market research to see if passengers would be prepared to pay a modest increase in fares to ensure they do not leave the aircraft feeling as if they have been travelling in a cattle truck?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD B. ANDERSON,
37 Hermitage Gardens,
Edinburgh.
December 26.

Russian election

From Canon Michael Bourdeaux

Sir, Your editorial on the Russian election (December 18) was written well before there was enough evidence to support your claim that it was "fair, free and a mature expression of popular will". Indeed, you had already reported some incidents which suggest the opposite.

On December 11 you reported the death in a car crash of Vitali Savitsky, aged 40, one of the eight sitting members of the Duma for St Petersburg and leader of the Christian Democratic Union. Your obituary (October 21) takes account of subsequent evidence that has made his death look more and more like murder. He had championed the cause of the removal of Deputies' immunity from prosecution for criminal offences and therefore had powerful enemies.

You reported (November 27, December 11) that two other candidates had been murdered earlier. Nothing is valid about the elections in their constituencies. The election in Chechenia was clearly accompanied by widespread intimidation and should never have been held.

Nothing is mature about a system which confronts millions of people, especially the old, with massive double lists of candidates which they cannot comprehend.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL BOURDEAUX
(Director),
Keston Institute,
4 Park Town, Oxford.
December 21.

Coffinless burial

From Dr Milo Keynes, FRCS

Sir, The advocacy of the Duke of Westminster for coffinless burial in 1889 had been preceded, as pointed out by Dr Peter Jupp (letter, December 20), by that of two eminent surgeons with the formation of the Cremation Society in 1874. It is of interest how the attempt to deal with overcrowding in cemeteries had been tackled earlier in Vienna, in 1784, by Emperor Joseph II, with the added objective of economising in the expensive use of wood.

Joseph II decreed that burial within the city limits should cease and that after a funeral service the coffins should be moved, after 6pm in winter and 9pm in summer, to the new cemeteries in the outskirts. Here, next morning, the bodies were buried, without a religious service and in the order of their arrival at the cemetery, in unmarked communal graves, though a few might be buried in single marked graves alongside the cemetery wall.

At first, each body was removed from the coffin, which could then be reused, and placed in the grave unclothed in a linen sack, which was sprinkled with unslaked lime to promote decomposition. The communal graves were unmarked to save space and so that they could be refilled every seven to ten years.

In 1785, individual coffins were no longer forbidden, though for sack-burials a coffin was provided free of charge for the funeral in the church and to transport the body to the cemetery, where it was emptied and sent back in the hearse to be reused.

Mozart was buried in such a communal grave in December 1791, a grave that has so often wrongly been called a pauper's grave.

Yours faithfully,
MILO KEYNES,
3 Brunswick Walk, Cambridge.
December 21.

Paintings restored

From Mr Michael Webber

Sir, Recent correspondence on changes (usually perceived as adverse) to works of art caused by the activities of restorers (letters, December 6, 18, 26) leads me to ask whether or not a "listing system", similar to that used for gardens and buildings, cannot be introduced.

Of course there would be problems as to who could be appointed to do the listing and the criteria they should adopt, but it may be worth a try and there are a number of professional and other bodies who could advise.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL WEBBER,
The Garden Flat,
19 Netherhall Gardens, NW3.
December 27.

Lottery profits

From Mr Paul Savage

Sir, The National Lottery (letters, December 21, 26), which was set up by Camelot, must be one of the most spectacular and successful marketing events of the century. Speed and precision ensured that the lottery was reaching the majority of people within a very short time, and it now appears to run like clockwork as it continues to achieve its set objectives.

There can be no greater example to confirm that Peter Davis's decision to award Camelot the contract was absolutely correct.

This fact should be remembered when we see Richard Branson's resentment that he did not get the contract (Business Analysis, December 19). For him to think that a strategy to make the event non-profitmaking would seal it in his favour was a bad misjudgment.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL SAVAGE,
Rutherford Young, School House,
Oakley Park, Frilford Heath, Oxford.

Leaving Saigon

From Mr Stephen Harper

Sir, Your obituary of John Bushell today says wrongly that he left Saigon in "the last helicopter to leave as the Thieu-Ky regime in South Vietnam finally collapsed". In fact he left with other British Embassy diplomats in an RAF Hercules six days before the final American helicopter evacuation to the Seventh Fleet.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN HARPER,
Green Dene Lodge,
Green Dene, East Horsley, Surrey.
December 20.

Brixton's troubles

From Mr Peter Watson

Sir, John Adewole proposes (letter, December 22) that in order to help the poor-performing Afro-Caribbean economy in London to reach the levels of the thriving Chinese and Asian microeconomies, one solution might be to empower these Afro-Caribbean peoples through political and economic initiatives.

Were the Chinese and Asian communities assisted in these ways? Frankly I cannot recall such initiatives.

Yours sincerely,
P. W. WATSON,
The Knoll, The Common,
Child Okeford, Dorset.

Pillars of wisdom

From Mr Brian Woodward

Sir, With the welcome appointment of "wise persons" to the Chancellor's panel of economists (report and photograph, Business, December 20), can cumbersome political correctness not be avoided by appropriately elegant and certainly sibilant reference to the six sages?

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN WOODWARD,
21 Kerrfield,
Winchester, Hampshire.
December 20.

Down in the dumps?

From the Reverend P. M. Hickley

Sir, There is nobody in the Sandringham dustbin (cartoon, December 22; letter, December 23).

Practical tests will show that it is impossible to get in, cover oneself with the mistletoe, *and* replace the lid, without leaving evidence in the surrounding snow.

The person concerned clearly resorted to the classic method of reversing the boots and returning to the house in the existing footprints.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HICKLEY,
372 Heath Road South,
Northfield, Birmingham.
December 23.

It's in the post

From Mrs Janet Wise

Sir, On December 16 I received an acknowledgment for my order for charity Christmas cards, dated two days earlier. I quote:

A24516 Father Christmas Cards ... This product has been so popular that we have recently run out of stock. Fresh supplies are on the way to our warehouse and we plan to despatch your order during the week ending Friday 12/01/96. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this delay may cause.

Inconvenience? What inconvenience

Yours faithfully,
JANET WISE,
Walnut Tree Farm,
Market Weston, Diss, Norfolk.
December 24.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

June Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, 82; Sir Richard Beaumont, diplomat, 83; Lord Beaverbrook, 44; Sir Samuel Brittan, journalist, 62; Mr John Connell, former chairman, Distillers Company, 71; Mr Bernard Cribbins, actor, 67; Mr Ted Danson, actor, 48; Miss Ann Demeulemeester, fashion designer, 36; Baroness Denton of Wakefield, 60; General Sir Robert Ford, 72; Mr Andrew Foster, controller, Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the NHS in England and Wales, 51.

Professor L.C.B. Gower, former Vice-Chancellor, Southampton University, 82; Mr David Hall, former Chief Constable, Humberside, 65; Sir Simon Hornby, president, Royal Horticultural Society, 61; Mr Terry Lewis, MP, 60; Mr Martin Offiah, rugby league player, 29; Mrs Rosalind Preston, former president, National Council of Women of Great Britain, 60; Mr Peter Robinson, MP, 47; the Right Rev Mark Santer, Bishop of Birmingham, 59; Sir Kenneth Sharp, accountant, 69; Mr Harvey Smith, showjumper, 57; Mr Jon Voight, actor, 57; Sir Edward Williams, former commissioner-general, Expo 88, Brisbane, 74.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Macintosh, pioneer of waterproofing, Glasgow, 1766; William Ewart Gladstone, Prime Minister 1868-74, 1880-85, 1886 and 1892-94, Liverpool, 1809; Pablo Casals, cellist, Vendrelli, Spain, 1876.

DEATHS: Thomas à Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury 1162-70, murdered in Canterbury Cathedral, 1170; Thomas Sydenham, physician, London, 1689; Charles Lamb, essayist, Edmonton, Middlesex, 1834; Christina Rossetti, poet, London, 1894; Eden Phillpotts, novelist, Broad Clyst, near Exeter, 1960; Paul Whiteman, bandleader, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, 1967; Maurice Harold Macmillan, 1st Earl of Stockton, Prime Minister 1957-63, Sussex, 1986.

Radio Luxembourg began broadcasting, 1930.

The Irish Republic changed its name to Eire as the new Constitution was implemented, 1937.

German planes dropped 10,000 bombs on London, 1940.

The first transistor hearing aid went on sale in America, 1951.

A coelacanth, a prehistoric fish believed to be extinct, was caught off the coast of South Africa, 1952.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Julian Hodgson, left, and Jon Speelman, two top-ranking English grandmasters, playing a practice game before the opening of the Centenary International Chess Congress at Hastings, East Sussex, yesterday. Match details, page 29

Plans for countryside 'put past in danger'

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE Government has ignored the historic environment in its new countryside proposals, endangering irreplaceable evidence of our past, according to the Council for British Archaeology (CBA). The White Paper on *Rural England* is blind to the fact that "for nearly all of human time, the countryside is the only document we have", says the council's secretary, Frances Griffith.

Writing in the CBA newsletter *British Archaeology this month*, she says that while the White Paper "contains welcome commitment to the rural environment, the historic environment is now simply ignored. The key messages of historic conservation have not achieved such popular recognition as concern for wildlife.

"The critical difference between the countryside's historic dimension and its others is that archaeology is a finite and wasting asset." Ms Griffith says. Once gone, it cannot be restored, like the habitat of the skylark, and "modern machinery can erase a prehistoric field system in a single day: gratuitous loss is terrifyingly easy.

"Scarcely an acre of England has been unaffected by human influence: it is frustrating to see the countryside misrepresented as 'natural' or 'landscape', divorced from the forces that have shaped it and give it meaning."

The CBA made submissions to the joint Ministry of Agriculture and Department of the Environment (DoE) team that produced *Rural England*, but they were not included. Although English Heritage, the Government's statutory adviser on archaeology, also made a submission, "it wasn't the home side", Ms Griffith says.

"We are seeing fall-out from the 1992 decision to remove most responsibility for cultural issues from the DoE to the Department of National Heritage. One reason was to give greater focus to the heritage constituency: *Rural England* suggests that the opposite is happening." Ms Griffith says, claiming that archaeology has been "sidelined" in terms of land-use planning.

"In the absence of understanding, we lose respect for the countryside's component parts — not just obviously special bits like hill forts and castles, but the hedges and field patterns. Such features impart character and meaning to our environment — the history of human decisions about land-use and social evolution across thousands of years is made legible."

Source: *British Archaeology* 10:11

The night sky in January

BY MICHAEL HENDRIE
ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY begins the new year as an evening star, at greatest eastern elongation (19 degrees) on the 2nd when the 0.5 magnitude planet sets an hour and a half after the Sun.

It may be visible given a very clear sky very low in the southwest after sunset during the first few days of the month. It reaches inferior conjunctions on the 18th, passing between the Earth and Sun and then becomes a morning star and might again be glimpsed during the last mornings of the month very low in the southeast before sunrise.

Venus is moving higher in the sky each evening, setting after 20h (more than three hours after sunset) by the 31st. The -4.0 magnitude planet is in Aquarius and will be a brilliant evening star through into late May. Crescent Moon to the north on the 23rd.

Mars is also in Aquarius but too faint and too low in the sky to be observable, setting less than an hour after the Sun.

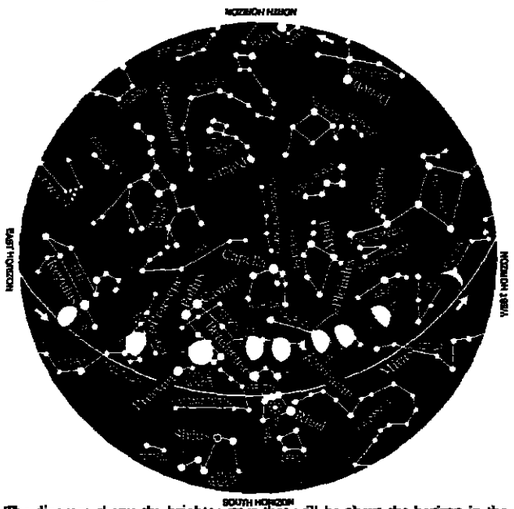
Jupiter is a morning star in the constellation Sagittarius, the -1.8 magnitude planet being in morning twilight throughout the month. However it is a bright object and should be visible later in January low in the southeastern sky. Moon to the north on the 18th.

Saturn is in Aquarius, setting soon after 20h by the 31st. Although the rings are not quite edge on to us, the unilluminated side is tilted towards the Earth. Without the reflected light from the ring system, Saturn is presently a rather faint 1.2 magnitude. Moon to the north on the 23rd and 24th.

Uranus is in Capricornus coming to conjunction with the Sun on the 21st so will not be observable even with a telescope this month.

Neptune is a few degrees to the west of Uranus but in Sagittarius and at conjunction on the 16th.

The Moon: full Moon, 5d 21h; last quarter, 13d 21h; new Moon, 20d 13h; first quarter 27d 11h.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

The Earth, is at perihelion, its closest to the Sun (147 million km) on the 4th.

Sunset on the 1st is at 16h 00m and on the 31st at 16h 45m while sunrise is at 08h 08m and 07h 40m on the same dates. Astronomical Twilight ends at 18h 05m and 18h 45m early and late in the month and begins again at 06h 05m and 05h 45m.

Algol, the eclipsing binary star in Perseus, fades from 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours and can be seen when faint this month about the following dates: 9d 02h, 11d 23h and 14d 20h.

The Quadrantids meteor shower reaches maximum activity on the morning of the 4th. The radiant area from which the meteors appear to come is marked on the monthly chart between Draco and Boötes. Although the shower can give rates of 100 an hour in some years, maximum activity lasts only hours and requires a dark sky. The full Moon on the 5th will spoil the shower this year.

Venus is the most conspicuous object in the night sky after the Moon and about five times brighter than Jupiter at its brightest. Revolving about the Sun inside the Earth's orbit it comes closer to us at inferior conjunction than any other major planet. About the same size as the Earth it has a thick cloud-covered atmosphere reflecting much of the sunlight that falls on it. Because it moves between the Sun and Earth, it is never seen in the south late at night, but like the other inferior planet Mercury, is to be found in the morning sky before sunrise or in the evening sky after sunset.

Venus takes 19 months from one superior conjunction to the next, when the objects line up Earth, Sun, Venus. If it were to take only 18 months, every third year would be for Venus a repeat performance, but in the third year we have to wait another two months for Venus to come to superior conjunction and the times of inferior conjunction, greatest elongations and the general visibility of the planet are also two months later.

The coming year, 1996, will be a very good one for seeing Venus and it should be possible to see it with the naked eye almost continuously throughout the year, in the evening sky until early June and from early July to the end of the year in the morning sky. With superior conjunction having taken place in August 1995 the circumstances could hardly be better.

A superior conjunction in August-October leads to a good apparition the following year at our latitudes. Venus is always east of the Sun after superior conjunction, in the evening sky and in the part of the sky the Sun will occupy up to six weeks later. Venus will be moving ahead of the Sun as the sun moves north during January to June. This puts Venus higher in the sky and setting later farther round towards the northwest. Inferior conjunction will be in June after which time the Sun moves south again.

Now Venus will be in the morning sky and west of the Sun and in that part of the sky the Sun was in up to six weeks before. This again puts Venus north of the Sun and rising early in the northeast. In these circumstances we get a good evening apparition followed by a good morning one, all in one year. In 1995 (previous superior conjunction January 1994) Venus was close to the Sun and unobservable for most of the year, with only a short showing in January-February and December.

The Times Night Sky 1996 booklet contains monthly charts and notes on the year's astronomical events and important developments in astronomy and spaceflight. (ISBN 0 7230 0752 7). Price £3.50 from bookshops or by post (add £1.00 p&p) from: Dept. 91M, HarperCollins Publishers, Westerhill Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, G64 2QT or, 24 hour telephone ordering service: 0181 307 4052 quoting Dept. 91M (Access and Visa only).

Latest wills

Dame Ida Felicity Ann **Yonge**, of Wimbledon, London SW19, private secretary to successive Conservative Party chairmen and Chief Whips, left estate valued at £338,173 net.
She left £200 to the Roman Catholic Church of Christ the King, Wimbledon Park, London SW19.

Mr John Andrew **Silverlight**, of London SW13, the journalist, and former assistant editor of *The Observer*, left estate valued at £258,703 net.

Mr Robert Charles **Topham**, of Bygrave, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £4,572,867 net.
He left £2,000 to Bygrave Church.

His Honour Judge David Barry **Williams**, QC, of Penylan, South Glamorgan, a Circuit Judge since 1979, left estate valued at £46,639 net.

Mr Donald Norman **Keating** QC, of London SE21, the barrister and author of *Keating on Building Contracts*, a leading text book on construction law, left estate valued at £962,078 net.

Miss Margaret Tranter **Cook**, of Broadway, Worcestershire, left estate valued at £509,318 net.
She left £65,000, certain land, effects and other bequests to personal legatees and the residue to the National Canine Defence League.

Mr George Robert Gerald **Exley**, of Lincoln, retired stockbroker £2,252,603

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.G.N. Bolton and Miss S. Mytton
The engagement is announced between Dominic, elder son of Mr Nicholas G. Bolton, of Bermuda, and of Mrs Marie-Noël (Billie) Buckley, of London SW7, and Serena (Rice), only daughter of the late Mr Geoffrey Mytton, of Geneva, and of Mrs Ann Mytton, of London W4.

Mr J.J. Eustace and Miss P.M. Warre
The engagement is announced between James John, younger son of Dr and Mrs John Eustace, of Rotherwick, Hampshire, and Philippa Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Warre, of London SW19.

Mr P.E.J. Hansell and Miss E.L. Quayle
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs A.P. Hansell, of Southrepps, Norfolk, and Emma, youngest daughter of Major General and Mrs T.D.G. Quayle, of Baverstock, Wiltshire.

Mr R.H. Jennings and Miss E.C. Burch
The engagement is announced between Robin Hereward, younger son of Mr and Mrs Robin Jennings, of Dulwich, London, and Emma Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Burch, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr S.E. Lee and Miss E.L. Waud
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the Rev and Mrs R.W. Lee, of Gislingham, Suffolk, and Evelyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.G. Waud, of Forest Row, Sussex.

Mr H.W.M. Rance and Miss G.H. Petrie
The engagement is announced between Hugh, only son of Mr and Mrs James Rance, of The Paddocks, Crazies Hill, Wargrave, Berkshire, and Gabrielle Helene, daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Petrie, of Masterton, New Zealand.

Mr M. Shaw and Mrs C.E. St.L. Grayshon
The engagement is announced between Martin Shaw, of West Park, Leeds, and Christine Grayshon, née Morris, of Collingham, Wetherby, West Yorkshire.

Mr J.R.L. Steel and Miss D. Gray
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.W. Steel, of Chinnor, Oxon, and Daisy, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N.A. Gray, of Spedlins, Dumfriesshire.

Mr P.J. Tomlinson and Miss Y.E. Chesney
The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Tony Tomlinson, of Brookman's Park, Hertfordshire, and Yvonne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Chesney, of Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Marriages

Mr J.H. Thellusson and Miss J.L. Owers
The marriage took place yesterday at Holy Trinity, Sunningdale, Berkshire, of Mr James Thellusson, elder son of the Hon Peter and Mrs Thellusson, of Barnes, to Miss Jennifer Owers, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Owers, of Sunningdale. The Rev Terry J. Mann officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Gillian Owers. Mr Matthew Hudson was best man.

A reception was held at Great Fosters, Egham, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Captain A.M. Holman and Miss E.H. Alston-Roberts West
The marriage took place on December 16, 1995, at St Mary's Church, Preston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, of Captain Andrew Holman, second son of Mr and Mrs David Holman, and Miss Emma Alston-Roberts West, only daughter of the late Captain James Alston-Roberts West and of Mrs Alston-Roberts West, of Alscot Park, Warwickshire. The Right Reverend Anthony Russell, Bishop of Dorchester, officiated, assisted by the Reverend Victor Story.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Colonel George Alston-Roberts West and was attended by Molly Miller-Mundy, Lily Hartley, Lucy Arkwright, Jack Arkwright, Guy Coltman-Rogers and Archie Bellville. Mr John d'Abo was best man.

A reception was held at Alscot Park and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Church news

The Rev Dr Maureen Palmer, Chaplain to Birmingham Cathedral (Birmingham): to be Canon Residentiary of Guildford Cathedral (Guildford).

The Rev Julia Perkins, Priest-in-charge, Stockon on Tees, St Chad: to be the incumbent of that benefice (Durham).

The Rev Stephen Prior, Priest-in-charge, Chester le Street, St Mary and St Cuthbert: to be the incumbent of that benefice (Durham).

The Rev Vaughan Roberts, Curate, St Ebbe w Holy Trinity and St Peter-le-Bailey: to be Student Pastor, St Ebbe (Oxford).

The Rev Stephen Robertson, Assistant Curate, Vange: to be Rector, Creeksea w Althorne and Latchingdon w North Fambridge (Chelmsford).

Canon Patrick Rosheuval, Deputy Chaplain, HM Prison, Wealstun, Thorp Arch (Ripon): to be Chaplain, HM Prison, Brixton (Southwark).

The Rev Peter Saddington, Priest-in-charge, Greenside St John, w Crawcrook, Church of the Holy Spirit: to be the incumbent of that benefice (Durham).

The Rev Michael Shearing, Priest-in-charge, Bishopwearmouth St Nicholas, Sunderland: to be the incumbent of that benefice (Durham).

The Rev Beryl Stannard, Assistant Priest, St Albans', Streatham Park (Southwark): to be Associate Priest, St James, Gerrards Cross and St James, Fulmer (Oxford).

The Rev Phoebe Swart-Russell: to be NSM, Chenies w Little Chalfont, Latimer and Flaunden (Oxford).

The Rev Clive Tomkins, Incumbent, Eastry, and Northbourne w Tilmanstone and Betteshanger w Ham: to be Priest-in-charge, Eastry; and Tilmanstone (Canterbury).

Prebendary Brian Tubbs, Rector, St James, Exeter, and Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral: to be Vicar, Paignton (Exeter).

The Rev Sue Turner, Curate, Eastry and Northbourne w Tilmanstone and Betteshanger w Ham: to be Priest-in-charge, benefice of Great Mongeham w Ripple and Sutton-by-Dover; parish of Norbourne; and parish of Betteshanger w Ham (Canterbury).

The Rev Stephen Weston, Rector, Gate Group and Rural Dean of Newport: to be Vicar, Chipping Norton, and resign as Rural Dean (Oxford).

The Rev Julia Wilkinson, Assistant Curate, Wycombe East, St Anne and St Peter, in the High Wycombe Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar in that team ministry w special responsibility for St Anne and St Peter (Oxford).

Resignations and retirements

Canon Stuart Brindley, Vicar, Rotherham (Sheffield): to retire April 30, 1996.

The Rev Harry Dickens, Vicar, Wrecclesham (Guildford): to retire January 31, 1996.

The Rev Ernest Fiddaman, Hon Priest and Chaplain, Wokingham Hospital (Oxford): has retired from parish duties and hospital chaplaincy.

The Rev Clifford Jobson, Vicar, Fleet (Guildford): to retire July 31, 1996.

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Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you shall come a ruler to be the shepherd of my people Israel. Matthew 2 : 6 (REB)

BIRTHS

ADCOCK - On Christmas morning at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge to Sarah (née Waitman) and Robert Charles, a daughter (Rachel Hannah), a sister for Simon Robert.

CHAPMAN - On 9th December 1995, to Pippa (née Macmillan) and Richard, a daughter, Alexandra Frances.

CIRAOLO - Ostie and Paul are proud to announce the birth of their son, Lucas, at The Portland Hospital on 16 December 1995.

DENMAN - On December 19th at the Royal Sussex Hospital to Jane and Richard, a son.

de SALIS - To Countess de Salis on 20th December 1995, twin daughters.

FREEMAN - On December 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Haley and Martin a beautiful miracle - Lily Rose.

GEEL - On December 26th at The Portland Hospital to Anita (née Rosema and Jan, a daughter Astrid Corine Marianne, a sister for Elbe

GOETTEL - On December 27th, at The Portland Hospital, to Valerie (née Badoz) and Thorsten, a son, Alexandre

HACKENBERG - Christian Joseph Michael, on 19th December to Christine and Mike, in Mölln Germany. Welcome.

HALL - On December 28th, to Corinne and Patrick, a daughter Lucy Florence, a sister for Kitty and Minna.

HARTNELL - Harrison Ivor at The Portland Hospital, proud new parents Jeremy and Clare, grandparents Lillian and Jeffrey Mattey Michael and Margaret Jarman.

HARVEY - On Dec. 26th to Karen (née Ellis) and Chris a daughter, Holly, a sister for Harry, Jessie and Will.

BIRTHS

KURITZKES - On 20 Dec. 1995 at The Portland Hospital, London, to Amy (Glickman) and Andrew, a daughter, Caroline Mina.

NIVEN - On December 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Clare (née) Epps and Craig, a gorgeous son, Fergus.

RASAMNY - Ramey and Maya announce the birth of their daughter Tamara, a sister for son Nael, at The Portland Hospital 21st December 1995

WHITTINGDALE - On 20th December 1995, to Ancilla (née Murfitt) and John, a daughter, Alice Margaret Campbell, a sister for Henry.

WYDRA - On 19th December at The Portland Hospital, to Katherine (née) Parker and Stephen, a fine son, Daniel Patrick 9lbs 1oz, a brother for James.

DEATHS

BAILEY - Maurice Cresswell on Christmas Eve, aged 87, at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, after a five week illness borne with no word of complaint. Devoted husband of the late Sally Bailey (née King), horseman and sportsman of the old school and and a good friend to many. Funeral at St Mary's, Dullingham, Nr Newmarket, on Thursday, January 4th at 11.45 am, followed by lunch at the King's Head. Flowers welcome to: H J Pelatin Ltd., 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridgeshire CB1 6HS, tel: (01223) 891226.

BEHARRELL - Brian of Wootton, Bedfordshire, died at home on 26th December 1995. Will be sadly missed by his wife Jane and children Natasha, Julius and Seita. Family flowers only, but if desired donations for Sight Savers and all enquiries regarding funeral arrangements to A.L. & G Abbott, Funeral Directors, 150 Bedford Road, Kempston, Beds. MK42 8BH. Tel: Bedford (01234) 845222.

BRAMWELL - On Christmas Eve, James Guy, peacefully at home, aged 84. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Buckland, Oxon at midday on 5th January 1996.

BROWNE - Joanna Mary, on December 26th 1995 peacefully at Whitecliff House Nursing Home aged 86 years, formerly of Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset. Thanksgiving Service at All Saints Church, Tarrant Keyneston on Thursday 4th January 1996 at 2.30pm. Donations in lieu of flowers for the British Heart Foundation.

BUNTING - Roger Michael Hartley aged 78, died peacefully on December 24th 1995 at Leominster Cottage Hospital, beloved husband of the late Val, much loved father of Jande, Harriet and Tim, and loving grandfather to his 8 grandchildren. Funeral at St. Dubricius Hamnish, on January 3rd 1996, at 2.30pm. Flowers or donations for Hamnish Church or enquiries, may be sent to R.W. Mann, 51 West Street, Leominster, HR6 8EP. Tel: (01568) 612388.

CARO - Mary Rose Edith died peacefully in Putney on December 28th 1995 aged 100 years and 6 days, Widow of the late Alfred Caro much loved mother of Rachel and Tony, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Service 7.00pm Thursday 4th January at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue 28 St Johns Wood Road London NW8.

CARVER - Dorise Elizabeth on 22nd December 1995, peacefully in Torbay Hospital aged 93. Wife of the late Reginald Carver, mother of Liz Kennedy and grandmother of Fiona and Michael. Last surviving child of Fred and Jane Martin of North Devon and London. Funeral at Bishopsteignton Methodist Church at 2.15, 2nd January followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Enquiries to Hugh Mills, Gaye & Co, 68 Queen Street, Newton Abbott. (01626) 334444.

CRAVEN - Stella Hope (née Lee) of Halesworth, formerly Cavendish, Suffolk, peacefully on Christmas Day 1995 in hospital, aged 86. Dearly loved wife of the late Asgill and mother of Tim, Jane and Matthew. Private Cremation. Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's Church, Chediston, Nr Halesworth on Friday January 5th at 2 pm. Flowers or donations, if desired, to Suffolk Wildlife Trust c/o Woolnoughs Funeral Service, The Chapels, Holton Road, Halesworth.

DAVID - Edmund John died December 22nd 1995 aged 84 years. Requiem Mass at the Oratory Church, Hagley Road, Edgbaston (B'ham) on Tuesday, January 9th at 12.45pm followed by cremation at Lodge Hill at 2pm, R.I.P. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to: The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development c/o Thos. Furber & Co. Ltd., 122 Station Road, Harborne, Birmingham, B17 9LS.

DORAN - Francis Sydney Alfred, peacefully on 26th December 1995 aged 88 in Hereford General Hospital after a short illness. Dearly loved father of Gillian Heap. Funeral Service at St Michael's, Ledbury Herefordshire on Friday 12th January 1996 at 1pm followed by private cremation. Flowers to Abbotsfield Funeral Directors, Monkmoore Street, Hereford HR1 2DU.

DOWLING - Edward John, on Dec. 22, aged 84, dear brother of Eileen Smith and of the late Hilda Dowling and the late Nora Wilson. Formerly from Manchester and Stockport. Late Manager of Royal B of Scotland, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. Funeral Jan 3, 1pm. Mapleton Church. No flowers, donations Mappleton Church. Enquiries G Lee, Ashbourne (01335) 342650.

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DUFFY - On December 27th in St. George's Hospital, Tooting, Joseph Brian, aged 65 years. Husband of Margaret, father of Paul, Catherine and Nicholas, father-in-law of Anne and Paul and "Pops" of Richard and George. Requiem Mass on Thursday 4th January at 11.30am at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Wimbledon. No flowers please but donations to the Raphael Pilgrimage c/o Elvedon, Droitwich Road, Claines, Worcester WR3 7SR.

DUNCAN - Augusta Mildred. The funeral of the late Augusta Mildred Duncan who died on Sunday 24th December 1995 at St. Raphael's Nursing Home, Edinburgh will take place at Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel on Thursday 4th January 1996 at 11.45 am. Family flowers only please.

DURRANT - Christopher George MBE, former Chief Fire Officer of Oxfordshire Fire Service, died at home on 26th December 1995, aged 66. Husband of Edna May, father of Michael David.

HAINES - Beryl, aged 91, Peacefully at home on Christmas Day. Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. Private cremation followed by a Thanksgiving Service in Droxford Church, on Friday January 5th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired to Droxford Church.

HARRIS - Louise aged 89, peacefully on December 28th. Cremation Hoop Lane, Golders Green, Sunday 31st December 11.30. Family flowers only please. Beloved mother of Jill, Linda and Etta, grandmother and great-grandmother.

HENDERSON - Peacefully on December 24th 1995 at Plympton Hospital, John Campbell DeCourcy, husband of Margaret. Cremation at Torquay Crematorium on Monday January 8th 1996 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Alzheimers Disease. C/O J & G. Perrott, 15 Duncombe Street, Kingsbridge TQ7 1LR

HOWARD - Peacefully on Christmas Eve, Vita Louise (née Juel). Private cremation Thursday 4th January followed by Memorial Service 12 noon at Christ Church, Victoria Road Kensington W8. Flowers, or donations to The Stroke Society, Enquiries Fredk. W Paine. Tel: (01811 946 1974.

HURLEY - On 24th December 1995, Lt. Col. Ian Patrick Hurley, beloved husband of the late Hevina and devoted father of James. Funeral service at St. Michael's Church, Angersleigh, Taunton on Saturday 6th January at 2:00 p.m., to which all friends are invited. Flowers and all enquiries to E. White & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, 138/139, East Reach, Taunton Tel: (01823) 272185.

ISAAC - Walter Thomas O.B.E. died 23rd December 1995 at Prestbury aged 88. Dearly beloved husband of Margaret and father of Alison, Bridget and Andrew. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o The Treasurer, Moorside Farm, Pott Shrigley, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 5RZ. No letters please

JAMES - Peacefully, on December 26th in her 90th year, Kathleen Lovell, widow of John, much loved mother of Helen and Katharine and beloved Grandma and Great-grandma. For twenty five years Senior English teacher at Rendcomb College, Cirencester. Funeral on Wednesday, January 3rd, at 2.00pm at St. Peter's Church, Rendcomb. Friends welcome. Family flowers only please. Any donations to: Help the Aged c/o Philip Ford and Son, Dirleton House, Cainscross Road, Stroud, Glos. GL5 4ES.

KELLER - Gabrielle Muriel. Peacefully on December 23rd, at Shackerwick Nursing Home, Bath, aged 87, Widow of Alexander Keller. Beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral private. Donations if desired to the Hospice Movement.

KENDRICK - Susie, beloved daughter of Leslie and Mary, sister of Tim and Ben and sister-in-law of Jane. The quiet cremation in Spain on 14th December will be followed by a Memorial Service in Healey-on-Thames in the Spring.

LARD - (née Forrest) Heather Lonsdale, widow of Michael and mother to Nichola, Rosalie, Jeannie and Andrea, grandmother to 14, died peacefully from Leukaemia in hospital on December 28th. Cremation 4.30 BM Exeter Crematorium, Wednesday January 3rd. Family flowers only. Donations to Exeter Leukaemia Fund.

LINKLATER - Peter Stronach, on Christmas Day, aged 71. Greatly loved husband of Pauline, father of Catriona, Sarah and Vicky, grandfather of Rhoda, Flora, and George. Funeral at St Anne's Church Lewes at noon on Friday 12 January. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to St Peter and St James' Hospice c/o Cooper & Son Funeral Services 42 High Street Lewes. Tel, 01273 476867.

LYNCH - Lucy Mary MB, B.Ch. BAO, suddenly at her residence on Wednesday December 27th 1995, in Frenchay, Bristol. Sadly missed by her loving sisters Tess, Margaret, Sue, Helen and brother Joseph, nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces, relatives and friends. Late of New Ross, County Wexford, Ireland. Funeral Mass on Friday January 5th 1996, at 10am, at St John Fisher Church, Begbrook Park, Frenchay, Bristol BS16 1NF, to be followed by interment at Filton Cemetery. Flowers or donations in lieu, if desired, for St Peters Hospice, Bristol. c/o T B & H Pendock, Funeral Directors, The Poplars, Hambrook, Bristol BS16 1RD.

McINTOSH - On December 21st 1995, to Annabelle (née Taylor) and Peter, a son James William Munro.

McLUBE - Donald Niven Allen, beloved husband of Rosemary and wonderful father to Fiona, Catrina, Moira and Kirstie passed peacefully and painlessly away on Wednesday 27th December aged 69. We miss him so much.

MOON - Dr Rachel Elizabeth (née Smalley) M.B.B.S., Hong Kong, aged 79. On Christmas Day 1995, in Hospital in Dorchester. Loving wife of the late Lyn, mother of Bronwen Cathell and Catherine, grandmother of Stuart and Gail, sadly missed by all her family. Cremation Thursday 4th January at 12.30pm at Weymouth Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o Grassby Funeral Services, Dorchester.

PAGE - William, peacefully on 22nd December at Trinity Hospice. Dearly loved by all his family and many friends. God bless you. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 4th January at 2 pm. Flowers or donations for Trinity Hospice, to Funeral Directors, Ballard and Barker, 20 Upper Thatcham Street, London SW1 by 12 noon.

ROBINSON - Donald Sewart, on December 24th suddenly at home in Saxton aged 68. Emeritus Professor of Biochemistry Leeds University. Beloved husband of Marjorie, dear father of Mark and Paul, grandfather of Katie. Funeral Service on Sunday December 31st 2pm at All Saints Church, Saxton. Enquiries please to Thornton Brothers Funeral Directors (01977) 682689.

ROGERS - Doctor Andrew Travers, died peacefully on 23rd December 1995, aged 84 years. The cremation at Medway Crematorium, Chatham at 2 pm, will be followed by a Service at St Helen's Church, Cliffe at 3pm on Monday 8th January 1996. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu to The Stroke Association c/o Medway Funeral Directors, 108 Frindsbury Road, Strood, Kent ME2 4JB. Tel (01634) 722143.

SEYMOUR - On December 26th at Fairmount Gardens, Bradford, William Hugh aged 79 years, the dearly loved son of the later Mr and Mrs W A Seymour of Havana, Cuba and beloved brother of Dorothy Slingsby and the late Arthur and James Seymour. Funeral private.

SINCLAIR G. W. (Bill). On Sunday December 24th 1995 aged 84. Loving husband of Thora and father of Clive, Iain and Fiona. Funeral on Thursday January 4th at 3.30pm in St. Andrew's Church Oakington near Cambridge.

TAYLOR - On December 26th suddenly by very peacefully at the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, Muriel Davis of James Burns House, Bournemouth, daughter of the late Reverend Ernest and Dora Taylor, devoted sister of David and sister-in-law of Doris, dear auntie of Jonathan and Claire. Life's work is at an end. Rest in Peace. The Funeral Service will be held at All Saints Parish Church, Milford-on-Sea, Hants. on Friday January 5th at 11.30 am, followed by interment. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for The Leonard Cheshire Foundation may be sent to Moodys Funeral Services, 59 Old Milton Road, New Milton, Hants BH26 6DJ, tel: (01425) 612261. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date, at Christchurch Priory, Dorset.

TUPPER - Anthony Charles, D.S.C., Captain R.N. aged 80 years on 27th December 1995. Beloved husband of Anne, peacefully at home in Cornwall, formerly of Lyrath, Kilkenny. Funeral Service at St Buryan Parish Church, Penzance on Wednesday 3rd January 1996 at 2.30pm, followed by interment. Flowers or donations for the R.N.L.I. to Alfred Smith & Son Funeral Directors, Penzance.

VAILE - On 26th December 1995, Peacefully at Crispins Nursing Home, Farnham, Audrey, widow of Dr. John Vaile of Nether Stowey, Upton Grey and Farnham, Mother of Michael, Ian and Andrew and Grandmother to Damian, Charlotte Louise, Quentin, Emma, and Pippa. Thanksgiving Service at St.Thomas-on-The-Bourne, Farnham, Surrey on Friday 5th January at 12.30pm. No Flowers please but donations if desired to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, Waverley Lane, Farnham, GU9 8BB.

VAN DER AKKER - on 23rd December, Donald Nicholas, aged 37 after a long illness, beloved husband of Beppie, father of Jamie Lorenza and Mitchell Wynston and son of Mr and Mrs FH van der Akker-Visser and son-in-law of Mr and Mrs GJ Kroesten-Cramer. Funeral 2nd January 1996, 2pm at the Village Church (Dorpskerk) Plein 3, Wassenaar, the Netherlands. No flowers please but donations if desired to Brain Tumour Foundation, PO Box 162, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3LN. Condolence to: Mrs EH van den Akker, van Polanenpark 116, 2241 RT Wassenaar, The Netherlands. tel: 00 31 70 5111462.

VINE - R.S. (David), husband of the late Thea, father of Katherine and Lesley and grandfather of Cara, Flora, Hannah, Crispin, Benjamin and Emma. On Boxing Day, after spending Christmas with his family. Cremation at Kingsdown, Swindon, 10 a.m. Friday 5th January. Enquiries to C & G Matthews, 7, Burnham Road, Malmesbury. Tel: (01666) 822216.

WALLER - Canon Trevor died peacefully on Christmas Eve aged 91 years, beloved husband of the late Nora Mary and father of Alfred, Kit, John and Julia. Funeral Service at Waldringfield Church on Thursday January 4th at 12.30 pm. No flowers but if desired donations for Waldringfield, Hemley and Newbourne Churches may be sent to Parthing, Singleton & Hastings, 680, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4PW.

OBITUARIES

SHURA CHERKASSKY

Shura Cherkassky, concert pianist, died in London on December 27 aged 84. He was born in Odessa, Ukraine, on October 7, 1911.



SHURA CHERKASSKY was one of the most brilliant, idiosyncratic pianists of his generation, perhaps the last in a long line which included such individualists as Josef Hofmann, Ignacy Paderewski and Vladimir Horowitz. Although Cherkassky was never quite as famous as these men, he deserves to be of their company.

Cherkassky was a tiny, unassuming figure. He seemed almost lost on a large stage, the very opposite of what one expects a virtuoso player to look like. But once he had his hands on the keyboard and his feet on the pedals, his real stature was at once apparent.

His choice of repertory was eclectic and wide-ranging, stretching from Bach to Berg and taking in on the way all the composers of the Austro-German tradition. French Impressionists and the Russians, although he was at his best when playing the Romantics. Single composer programmes bored him — he was easily bored — and conductors regarded him with some trepidation, as he had the habit of playing a piece quite differently in performance from the way in which he had rehearsed it.

But for all this, he was an electrifying pianist with a dazzling technique, and he riveted audiences across the world for seven decades. It was perhaps in Chopin that his contrasting gifts of poetry and virtuosity were best employed. On his 80th birthday concert at the Festival Hall, in a long and demanding programme, the one moment of real magic was Chopin's F minor Nocturne, when the simple dedication of his playing had his audience hanging on every note.

An only child, Cherkassky was the son of two musicians, his father an amateur violinist, his mother Lydia a talented pianist who was eventually forced to stop playing because of terrible cramps in her hands. Perhaps because of this, Cherkassky was always fanatical about massage and swimming, and throughout his life he followed a strict diet.

His parents taught him to read music when he was only four, and he recalled as a child being able to copy the pitch of the whine on a trolleybus when he got home to the piano. He often visited the opera house at Odessa. A more unpleasant experience in his home city came when he was ten: in 1922, when violence erupted between the Bolsheviks and Mensheviks in the streets, Cherkassky was standing on the balcony of his parents' home. He narrowly missed being hit by a bullet, which whizzed past him and hit the wall behind him. This unsettled atmosphere caused the family to move to Baltimore in 1923.

He was unhappy at school in America, as he had difficulties with the language. His parents decided that he should concentrate on the piano instead. Cherkassky gave his first recital in Baltimore in 1923 and the following year played to Rachmaninov in New York. Rachmaninov was impressed and agreed to teach him if Cherkassky agreed not to give concerts until he was older. Not convinced that this was the best advice for her son, Lydia took him to Josef Hofmann, who had himself been a child prodigy, and who advised Cherkassky to keep giving concerts: "If you have it in your blood, don't stop". Cherkassky studied with Hofmann at Philadelphia's Curtis Institute, and Hofmann became the boy's idol. From him, Cherkassky was imbued with the grand 19th-century tradition of Romantic piano playing.

After five years he was ready to begin his career, and he started with tours of Australia and Europe. In 1929 he made his British debut at the Queen's Hall in London. He returned to the Soviet Union as part of a tour that also took him to Japan. During the war years he had few engagements, and he and his widowed mother had a hard time financially which was relieved only when, in 1946, he was invited to Hollywood. There he had been asked to play Beethoven's *Apassionata Sonata*, for the soundtrack of the film *Deception* starring Bette Davis. Also in 1946 he married the actress Genia Ganz, but after two tempestuous years the couple parted. Cherkassky remained a bachelor thereafter.

In 1947 he and his mother moved to Nice, and Cherkassky revived his European career. He scored a particular success in Germany and began to record for Deutsche Grammophon (just after the war he had made his first discs, 78s, for HMV). In 1957 he retured to London and made an extraordinary impression at a Wigmore Hall recital. Ibbs and Tillett decided to manage his career, and in 1961, after his mother's death, he moved permanently to London, living in a tiny apartment in the White House Hotel, a vast building just off Marylebone Road, for the remainder of his life.

His reputation now grew by leaps and bounds, and he was on a constant round of tours. His biggest followings were in Germany and The Netherlands, but he had strong support among the demanding audiences of London and New York. Playing and practising were his passion, his method of performing the latter being highly unusual. He would practise for precisely four hours a day — no more — and, when he was rehearsing a phrase, he would not allow any one finger visibly to overlap a neighbouring note. If it did, he would start again from the beginning.

Cherkassky used to joke that this made him sound like a piano tuner, but there was no doubt that on stage the technique got results. He remained a very accurate pianist with a rock-solid technique, even in old age. He spoke reluctantly about his repertory and his methods of playing, preferring to chat with interviewers about more mundane matters. He cared little for the luxuries of life, provided that he had a few personal comforts, and even his Steinway at the White House was rented. One of his few indulgences was travel: he loved hot, exotic places, and spent about a third of the year on holiday.

Cherkassky recorded little in the studio. He preferred the spontaneity of live performance, and to have these recitals committed to disc, as many were to arresting effect. But in the 1980s the small Welsh-based company Nimbus signed him to make some CDs at leisure in the big drawing room of its headquarters.

This was the ideal setting. The result was seven well-filled discs, comprising the core of his repertory. These and the big Decca issue of BBC recitals left his followers with a handsome legacy of Cherkassky's art. Here were his Schubert, his Chopin, his famous accounts of Liszt's opera paraphrases, his Rachmaninov, his Prokofiev, and perhaps most gratifying of all, those small, coruscating encore pieces without which no Cherkassky recital was complete. With his departure, an era can be said to have ended: virtually nobody troubles with these trifles in a more serious age than Cherkassky's.

ERNEST BOYER

Ernest LeRoy Boyer, educationist, died of lymphoma at Princeton, New Jersey, on December 8 aged 67. He was born in Dayton, Ohio, on September 13, 1928.

NO ONE appeared to work harder to advance the cause of teaching in the United States than Ernest Boyer. He held a series of key positions over three decades — among them president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and United States Commissioner of Education. And in these he conducted a one-man crusade to improve the standard of education in American schools and colleges. His views were respected; his tenacity admired. If the results, as measured by examinations and international comparisons, showed very little change at the end of the day, it was not for want of trying.

It was an impossible task for one man. Though he often worked 90 hours a week, Boyer was ultimately defeated in his attempt to clean the Augean stable of American education. In the face of school systems crippled by social neglect, racial division and economic decay, especially in the inner cities, combined with the inbred conservatism of both parents and the teaching profession, the most eloquent words were not enough to inspire change.

The son of a bookstore manager, Boyer was educated at Greenville College, Illinois, and later gained his master's degree and doctorate from the University of Southern California. His specialities were speech pathology and audiology, and for the next few years he worked as a professor at Upland College, California.

Then, in 1960, his career took a crucial turn. He abandoned teaching and research to take up administration, accepting a post with the Western College Association. There he became involved in an attempt to improve the standards of public school teachers in California. Boyer had found what he wanted to do with the rest of his life.

Five years later, in a position created especially for him, he was appointed executive dean for the State University of New York — an institution with 64 campuses, 350,000 students and 15,000 faculty members. By 1968 he was Vice-Chancellor of SUNY, and in 1970 took over the reins of the entire administration as Chancellor.

In his new position of power, Boyer moved to enhance the status of teaching at the university, as opposed to research, creating a new rank of distinguished teaching professor. He set up an experimental three-year Bachelor of Arts programme, founded five institutions where adults could study for degrees without attending classes, and established the first student-exchange programme with the Soviet Union. Presidents Nixon and Ford both enlisted his advice, and then, in 1977, he left SUNY to become President Carter's Commissioner of Education, administering programmes worth billions of dollars.

Boyer's acceptance of the White House offer had meant a pay cut of almost $20,000 a year, but he had high hopes that Carter would fulfil his promise to make education a Cabinet-level position. Congress, however, was obdurate, and Boyer also faced opposition from his boss, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Joseph Califano, who did not want his own agency diminished by a new department. Boyer occupied himself, instead, with sponsoring several innovations in the schools. As an enemy of bureaucratic jargon, he taught a course within the agency on how to write and speak more clearly. This was a reform which failed to survive his departure.

Boyer lasted in government service for 26 months, during which time he saw a sharp increase in federal aid for education. "The mood is better toward the schools," he said. "People care deeply. I sense a growing desire to make them work." But, frustrated by the congressional failure to establish an Education Department (which finally happened in 1980), he left in mid-1979 to become president of the Carnegie Foundation.

Now with considerable financial backing, Boyer set out to evangelise educational reform. Convinced that the main problem lay in the high schools and their relationship



(or lack of it) with higher education, he produced a report in 1983 recommending a core curriculum requiring mastery of both English and a foreign language for all students, plus mandatory community service, and a 25 per cent pay increase for teachers. Creative teaching, he said, was the nub of the problem; all other issues were secondary. The report was widely hailed, but little was done.

Undeterred, Boyer next turned his attention to America's undergraduate colleges, producing the most systematic study ever attempted. The American college, he concluded, was "a troubled institution ... driven by careerism and more successful in credentialing than in providing a quality education". The report, published in book form in 1987, contained more than 80 major recommendations for reform, few of which have been widely adopted.

At the other end of the educational scale, Boyer spoke out on behalf of impoverished children who were being bypassed by educational improvements, advocating better nutrition, prenatal care for teenage mothers, and more day care with summer classes and pre-school education. He lived to see many of these items targeted for cuts by the new Republican Congress.

A compelling orator, Boyer was in constant demand as a lecturer. He spoke on such subjects as the need for off-campus adult education, the decline of teaching civics and government in schools, which he called "civic illiteracy", and the dangers of overbearing academic management. He also wrote a series of books published by the Carnegie Foundation, and served as a consultant on education policy to several foreign governments, including the Chinese.

Ernest Boyer held more than 130 honorary degrees. He is survived by his wife Kathryn, three sons and one daughter.

DAVID LAND



David Land, agent, producer and theatre owner, died on December 23 aged 77. He was born on May 22, 1918.

BEHIND the glamour and glitz of some of Britain's most famous and successful musical theatre lay the ebullient character of David Land. With an astute vision, quick to recognise latent talent, and a generous personality large enough to foster it, he was the impresario who discovered Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. As their personal manager he coproduced such flourishingly profitable shows as *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Evita*. He played an important role in the revitalisation of postwar British theatre and greatly advanced its recognition on the world stage.

Working from a cramped office in Wardour Street, its walls a patchwork of framed awards and gold discs, Land commanded an international showbusiness empire. Yet he remained an unostentatious man, entertaining even Hollywood moguls to salt-beef sandwiches in a corner café and bemusing them with his dry and essentially English sense of humour. He had a mishievous idea of fun which showed itself in such touches as his naming of a company Hope and Glory, simply so that answering the phone he could do so with the words "Land of Hope and Glory".

Brought up in London, the son of Polish Jewish immigrants, David Land inherited a lively mind and entrepreneurial skill. At the end of the Second World War — during which he had joined the RASC as a volunteer — Land launched his career in the entertainment business. At first he worked with established names, producing concerts which featured such wartime stars and Forces' sweethearts as Vera Lynn, Anne Shelton and the conductor Stanley Black, who was to remain his lifelong friend.

However, he soon turned to more innovative work. He became the first European representative of the Harlem Globetrotters and, seeing the potential of the bizarre if captivating combination of cabaret act and Girl Guide troupe, he became the administrator of the Dagenham Girl Pipers, bringing them international renown. In partnership with Joe Collins (the father of Jackie and Joan), he also staged one of the Beatles' first London performances.

Land was already a prosperous man before his introduction to Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber launched him into higher stratospheres of showbusiness success. At the end of the 1960s he had formed a theatrical management company in partnership with the businessman Sefton Myers. It was the latter whom Lloyd Webber, as a 21-year-old university student, had approached in 1969 with the idea of setting up a museum of pop music memorabilia. As token of his earnestness he had included, along with his proposal, the album *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* which he had just recorded with his partner Tim Rice. Myers was uninterested by the museum idea but, impressed by the enthusiasm of the young Lloyd Webber, he passed the album on, unlistened to, to Land.

Land's imagination was instantaneously caught by *Joseph* and especially, he later said, by the line "have you made a fortune buying shares in pyramids?" Recognising an exciting new talent, he signed the two young men to a three-year contract, giving them an office to work in and £30 a week each. His faith in them was to be rewarded. Able to concentrate upon their art full-time, Rice and Lloyd Webber had completed *Jesus Christ Superstar* within a year.

For the next decade Land was to be the vital force behind the careers of the two composers. *Superstar*, originally written as a theatrical show, was turned down by British impresarios who were scared off by what they saw as its unmodish subject matter. But Land, convinced of its artistic merits, persisted, and setting up a deal with a record company, released it as an album. He won the confidence and trust of Rice and Lloyd Webber and although, when *Superstar* rocketed into success in America, an international agent had to be brought in, both Rice and Lloyd Webber insisted that Land must be part of any future transactions; and he went into partnership with Robert Stigwood to represent them internationally. Up until his death Land remained Rice's agent, and in his last year was arranging regional tours of *Chess* and *Evita*.

From 1983 to 1991 Land was chairman of the Young Vic. Though personally a generous man, he was suspicious of the merits of Arts Council grants, believing that productions should be able to pay their own way. It was this business acumen which was to make him such a successful owner of the Theatre Royal, Brighton, which he bought in 1984. Financially wrecked when he acquired it, it became, under his management, the most successful regional theatre in Britain, attracting the best performers and directors to its stage.

Land believed passionately in the performing arts. He founded the David Land Arts Centre and Studio Theatre which provided much-needed rehearsal and workshop facilities for both amateur and professional companies. During his lifetime he won a string of theatrical awards and in 1994 he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Sussex in recognition of his vital contribution to British theatre.

He is survived by his wife Zara, whom he married in 1945, and by a daughter and son.

PERSONAL COLUMN

DEATHS

WATT - May Allan Angus. Dearly loved wife, mother and grandmother - passed away peacefully on Wednesday, 27th December 1995

WILLIAMS - Suddenly at her home after a short illness, Lou of Crwn Cottage, Berley Mow, Lampeter, beloved wife of Selwyn, mother of Catherine and Nicola. Public Funeral Service at St.Peter's Church, Lampeter, Saturday 30th December 1995 at 1.00p.m. Enquiries to Gwilym G. Price Son & Daughters, Funeral Directors, 1 and 2 College St., Lampeter. 01570 422675.

WILLIAMS - Peter Broadbent, on 21st December aged 81 years. Husband of Ruth, father of Penny, Philip, Catherine and Clare. Requiem Mass at Saint Bonaventure's Church, Parkway, Welwyn Garden City at 12 noon Tuesday 2nd January. Family flowers only. Donations to Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, East Hertfordshire NHS Trust, Welwyn, Herts.

YOUNG - On December 27th, Douglas Edmund aged 78 years. Dear husband of Joan, father of Fiona and Hamish and grandpa of 4. Funeral Service at St. Matthew's Church, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Devon on Wednesday January 3rd at 12.30pm followed by interment. Family flowers only but donations if desired for The Stroke Association c/o C.R. Burton & Co. 192 High Street, Penge, SE20 7QE.

ZABERNIK - Max of Frinton-on-Sea, Essex. Loving husband and father, died on 27th December 1995. Funeral at Weeley Crematorium, 10.15 am, 4th January 1996, all friends welcome. Flowers c/o P.G. Oxley, 47 High Street, Walton-on-Naze.

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LEON BAKST.
STAGE DESIGNER AND COLOURIST.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
PARIS, DEC. 28.

The death occurred yesterday at the age of 58 of Leon Bakst, the Russian theatrical designer and colourist, who has been living in Paris for the last 20 years.

Leon Bakst enjoyed international fame as an artist who used the theatre as his principal medium. He was the leader of a revolt and the creator of a legend. By him and by those with whom he was associated there was begun what may without extravagance be called a revolution in stage decoration. He intended no less. "We are moving," he once said, "towards the birth of a new and great art. The art of the future seeks the simplest form. The child's design, its movement, synthesis, its colours have become the problem which painters today seek to solve." These principles he applied to the stage without compromise, using, as they had not been used before, massed colour and simplicity of line in order to secure that effect of vitality and exuberance, which was, to him, the essence of an evolving art.

He was a Russian of Jewish extraction, and was born at St Petersburg in 1866. Educated there and in Paris, he soon gave signs that he would not submit to academic rules and speedily became known, among practisers of his own art, as one whose originality was worthy to be watched. He did not, however, become generally famous until the Imperial Russian Ballet came to Paris in 1910. It was then at once perceived that a new artistic force had emerged. The fame of *Schéhérazade* and *Cléopatre* spread throughout Europe. From that moment his career was a succession of triumphs, and in London, as in Paris, his name was upon all lips, his influence everywhere apparent. His use of colour was made an excuse for a fashionable violence of imitation which extended from the stage to the stalls and from the stalls to the street.

But the value of his influence was not all wasted in amusing extravagances, which served only to obscure his merit and to confuse his authentic genius with the modish brightness of unworthy copyists. It became clear to those who studied his work and read his own writings that he was an artist enslaved to no single style who, while yet preserving a knowledge and understanding of classical models, could proceed from them upon paths of his own discovering. Among the work of his which was received with the greatest enthusiasm in London were his designs for *The Good Humoured Ladies*, *L'Après midi d'un Faune*, and, in 1921, *The Sleeping Princess*. The last of these was widely different from any other work of his, more formal, more delicate, more exquisite, and in a sense, less bold.

Bakst's work is likely to hold a lasting place in the history of scenic design, and he will long be remembered as one who combined in himself an extraordinary vigour and an almost magical power of creating an effect of ethereal beauty within the limits imposed by the theatre. He was an officer of the Legion of Honour and received other public honours throughout Europe. In 1903 he married Mlle. Trétiakoff, a daughter of a Mayor of Moscow.

ON THIS DAY

December 29, 1924

Bakst, "with his glowing, exotic colours", had a long and fruitful collaboration with Diaghilev, the great ballet impresario.

NEWS

Fight to save victims trapped in ice

■ Doctors were fighting to revive an 11-year-old girl and a man who were trapped in a freezing lake for more than two hours. A second man died. Police feared that all of them were dead when they were pulled from the water in a park at Kinsley in West Yorkshire but emergency medical staff believed that their bodies might have been "shut down" by the sub-zero temperatures, and launched an effort to save them ..... **Page 1**

Legionnaires' bug found at Commons

■ Unacceptable levels of the bacteria that cause legionnaires' disease have been found at the House of Commons. Although engineers have tried to cleanse the hot water system, tests this week have shown traces of the bacteria remain near the residence of the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd. Results of further tests might not be known until after MPs return..... **Page 1**

Population record

World population grew this year by 100 million people to 5.75 billion, the largest increase ever, according to figures released by a research group ..... **Page 1**

Ulster fears

The IRA's campaign of murder and intimidation against criminals could herald a return to full scale war unless the tap of violence is turned off, say Ulster politicians..... **Page 2**

Election alert

Brian Mawhinney put the Conservatives on "election alert" yesterday as he urged them to stop fighting each other and "start thinking votes" ..... **Page 2**

Troops offered

The Government has offered to send troops to the Shetland Isles to help people facing a sixth day without power..... **Page 3**

Missing thousands

More than 250,000 people are estimated to go missing each year and the number rises over Christmas and the new year. About one in five is young enough to be classed as vulnerable..... **Page 4**

Island mystery

The Princess of Wales flew first class with British West Indian Airways on Wednesday to Antigua. Then the Royal watchers' hunt was up and the favourite theory was an expensive hotel on Barbuda..... **Page 5**

Student loans

The Labour Party intends to reform the student loan system so that repayments would be made over a longer period..... **Page 6**

Mighty patient

A British team is on standby to fly to the Ukraine to treat Boy, a 22-year-old elephant, who is suffering acute tusk pain at Kiev Zoo, which does not have the resources to treat him..... **Page 7**

Mock executions

French UN peacekeepers taken hostage by Bosnian Serbs were subjected to horrifying mock executions by their captors, said a French newspaper ..... **Page 8**

People smuggling

Smuggling of foreigners into America has grown into a huge trade in "human cargo" that has become a national security issue, according to a report presented to President Clinton ..... **Page 9**

Billionaire's park

An American billionaire has extraordinary plans to establish a multi-million dollar theme park in southern Mozambique, one of the world's most diverse ecological areas..... **Page 10**

Winning action

As the top ten list of Hollywood blockbusters emerges for the hundredth year of commercial cinema, *Batman Forever* and *Apollo 13*, lead a field packed with action..... **Page 11**

With this ring, I thee wed — for a week

■ Couples in America are being offered engagement and wedding rings for hire, in case their relationships do not last. Rings are paid for on a weekly basis for a year, after which they become the property of the wearers. The scheme was started by Rent-A-Center, a Kansas-based company. Its buyer, Bob Marshall reported steady business over Christmas..... **Page 1**

KEITH MEATHERINGHAM



There were a few consolations in the deep freeze as these skiers at the Hole of Horcum, North Yorkshire, discovered yesterday. **Page 1**

BUSINESS

Pensions: Company directors are receiving large pension contributions on top of high salaries despite public concern over executive greed, says the *Labour Research* magazine ..... **Page 19**

Barings: Nick Leeson, the trader blamed for the £860 million collapse of Barings, will tell his lawyer today whether he wants to appeal against part of his sentence in Singapore ..... **Page 19**

First day: Shares in the newly merged Lloyds TSB bank group ended at a modest 4½p premium to close at 343½p ..... **Page 19**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 0.3 to 3676.7. Sterling's index fell from 83.6 to 83.4 after slipping from $1.5602 to $1.5572 and DM2.2330 to DM2.2299..... **Page 22**

SPORT

Cricket: An unbroken eighth-wicket stand of 50 between Jack Russell and Richard Illingworth averted the follow-on but England are still 178 runs behind South Africa in the fourth Test..... **Page 36**

Football: Vinnie Jones has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute after making disparaging remarks in a national newspaper article about foreign players ..... **Page 30**

Rugby union: In its first year competitive European club rugby has only the merest pretentions to international sophistication but the development was necessary for the game ..... **Page 33**

Racing: Could more be done in bad weather to keep the show going at grade one courses?..... **Page 29**

ARTS

Pop on film: Pop stars are taking themselves too seriously, says Caitlin Moran. What we need in 1996 is some old-fashioned celluloid silliness, like a film about Madonna's life ..... **Page 27**

New albums: The best of *Thin Lizzy* provides a serviceable introduction to the band, while Jimi Hendrix and friends are remembered in a recording of the 1970 Isle of Wight festival ..... **Page 27**

Theatrical hit: Cheek by Jowl brings its stripped-down version of Webster's *The Duchess of Malfi* to the West End for a four-week run ..... **Page 26**

Dancing tunes: New year means Vienna waltzes, and British orchestras everywhere are gearing up for Strauss extravaganzas..... **Page 27**

FEATURES

Stressing relaxation: The psychologist Professor Cary Cooper knows a lot about stress. He studies it and lectures on its effects at Manchester University. Valerie Grove asks him about the dangers of working too hard and how these can ruin family life ..... **Page 12**

Why hark back? This year has been all nostalgia — 50 years after the war and Beatle mania. 1996 will nearly overtake itself by looking at the Eighties in a television series and a book. Do we need to sum up a decade not yet distant enough to be history? ..... **Page 13**

Women's fight: Laura Ingraham has always been a far-right revolutionary. At 31 her fervour remains undimmed. She campaigns against feminists, saying it is time women stopped whining and realise there is no great male conspiracy to keep them down ..... **Page 13**

TV LISTINGS

Preview: How a celluloid fair lady came close to extinction. *More Loverly Than Ever* (BBC2, 3.25pm) **Review:** Matthew Bond on the first flourishes of the new year invasion from Scotland..... **Page 35**

OPINION

Golan in Maryland

Israel now, as before, needs American support. Only Washington can ensure that the momentum for peace survives beyond seclusion in Maryland ..... **Page 15**

Royal lioness

As old as the century, the Queen Mother is still a potent force at the heart of the nation..... **Page 15**

Buying the shop

The Qatari sheikh may find that his wife tires of her selection of 150 sofas, 300 polo shirts, a spinning wheel, two embroidery machines and 300 hats..... **Page 15**

COLUMNS

TIM CONGDON

Britain has failed to retain enough middle-aged men in full-time employment, and has therefore been unable to translate huge manufacturing productivity gains into a general strengthening of its economic performance. Too many men have stopped full-time work just as they ought, in the second half of their careers, to have been most productive..... **Page 14**

DENIS MACSHANE

For Labour there is much to learn from Asia that is in tune with the traditional values of the democratic Left. If the party is to prosper in the 21st century, it must become the shaper of a new programme for the British economy ..... **Page 14**

PHILIP HOWARD

Why cannot we descendants of globe-marauding pirates, merchant venturers, empire-builders and explorers of frozen wastes travel through snow? ..... **Page 14**

OBITUARIES

Shura Cherkassky, concert pianist; **David Land**, agent, producer and theatre owner; **Ernest Boyer**, educationist ..... **Page 17**

LETTERS

Importance of BBC World Service; need to end Afghan's civil war; surrender of Bethlehem; coffinless burial; Russian election; the lottery..... **Page 15**



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **FIZZ QUIZ**
Win a Methuselah of Moët & Chandon with our new year jumbo crossword

■ **HOT SPOTS**
The travel editor's guide to where smart travellers will be going in 1996

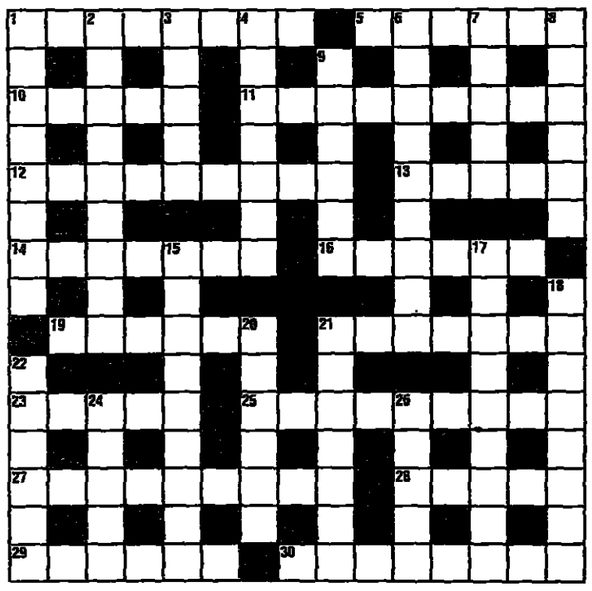


THE PAPERS

Like Americans, we have come to believe that our principal role in life is to pursue happiness, whatever the cost in broken relationships
— Evening Standard

The Muslim-Croat Federation created last year under Washington's sponsorship remains a fiction. Bosnia today is one-half Serbian, one-quarter Muslim and one-quarter Croatian. That is not a formula for coexistence and eventual reunification
— New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,050



ACROSS

1 Largely recommend imbibing a drink (8).
5 Ruffian's father in pain (6).
10 Motor travel can be a burden (5).
11 Stop Lily getting lame (4,1,4).
12 Musical youth (5,4).
13 Take part in seventh race, possibly (5).
14 No cigar could be produced without chemicals (7).
16 Abusive language from artist at centre of main movement (6).
19 Capital punishment (6).
21 Tea includes different kind of bun (7).
23 Sinuous mover needs firm support (5).
25 Irritable, but apt in time to become composed (9).
27 Speak up as fox gets killed (3,4,2).
28 Starts from near East Pakistan, and lands in this country? (5).
29 Cut into melted candle (6).
30 Countryman without name lies around idling (8).

DOWN

1 From whom one can trace descent — or ascent, alternatively (8).
2 Extremely weak signal (4,5).
3 Obscure Conservative, aggressive and noisy (5).
4 Old expert upset people of intelligence (7).
6 I have a trunk, and intend to be abroad by end of June (5,4).
7 Become irritated and hot in restaurant (5).
8 Property in French art gallery (6).
9 Press fail to win in court (6).
15 Rotten centre in a drupe (9).
17 Medium? First of definitions is "moderate" (9).
18 Hit around, I will drop (8).
20 Small lake comes into view (6).
21 Provide finishing touch, mostly column heading ... (7).
22 ... that is followed by inventory in old book (6).
24 Stay at the wicket — stick there (5).
26 Join group climbing (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,049

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, 7C (45F); lowest day max: Altnaharra, Highland, -14C (7F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.36in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife, and Tiree, 6.4hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** all but extreme south-western England will have a bright sunny morning. Sleet and snow will spread across the South West. By evening, snow will reach central southern England and South Wales. Remaining areas will stay dry and sunny, and everywhere will be cold.

Scotland should have a fine but cold day, apart from the northeast, Orkney and Shetland, which will have snow showers. Northern Ireland will be cold, fine and dry.

☐ **London, SE England, E Midlands, W Midlands, N Wales:** dry and sunny. Wind east to southeast, fresh. Cold. Max 1C (34F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NW England, Isle of Man, Central N, NE England, N Ireland:** dry, bright or sunny. Some freezing fog patches. Wind east to southeast, light becoming moderate. Cold. Max 0C (32F).

☐ **Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** bright at first, becoming increasingly cloudy with sleet or snow spreading from the southwest later. Wind east to southeast, fresh to strong. Cold. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland:** dry and bright. Some freezing fog patches. Wind southerly, light. Very cold. Max -4C (25F).

☐ **Aberdeen:** sunny spells and scattered snow showers. Wind southeasterly, light. Very cold. Max -3C (27F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** rather cloudy with sleet or snow. Wind west to southwesterly, light to moderate. Cold. Max 3C (37F).

☐ ***Outlook:*** sleet and snow will spread to other western areas. Mostly cold.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle, ds=dust storm; du=dull, f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail, r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.7	-	-2	28	s	Littlehmptn	5.1	-	2	36	s
Anglesey	1.7	-	1	34	b	Liverpool	-	-	-4	25	fg
Aspatria	4.3	-	-4	25	s	London	4.6	-	2	36	s
Aviemore	4.5	-	13	9	s	Lowestoft	1.3	-	1	34	b
Belfast	4.2	-	1	34	s	Manchester	0.5	-	-4	25	fg
Birmingham	-	-	-4	25	ou	Margate	5.9	-	2	36	s
Bognor R	4.0	-	1	34	b	Minehead	0.1	0.01	-1	30	c
Bournem'th	2.8	-	1	34	b	Morecambe	3.1	-	0	32	s
Bristol	-	-	0	32	c	Newcastle	5.9	-	0	32	s
Buxton	-	-	-4	25	fg	Newquay	2.3	-	3	37	b
Cardiff	1.6	-	-2	28	b	Norwich	4.7	-	-1	30	s
Clacton	5.3	0.01	2	36	s	Nottingham	X				
Cleethorpes	X					Oxford	0.4	-	-3	27	c
Colwyn Bay	-	-	-3	27	r	Penzance	1.2	-	7	45	b
Cromer	-	-	-2	28	fg	Plymouth	X				
Doncaster	X					Poole	3.7	-	1	34	b
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	-	-2	28	c
Eastbourne	5.7	-	2	36	s	Ross-o-wye	-	-	-1	30	c
Edinburgh	4.0	-	-2	28	s	Salcombe	X				
Eskdalemuir	6.2	-	-4	25	s	Sandown	2.6	-	3	37	b
Exmouth	-	0.01	0	32	du	Saunton Snd	5.2	-	1	34	s
Falmouth	1.4	-	7	45	b	Scarboro'	2.0	-	0	32	b
Fishguard	4.9	-	-1	30	s	Shanklin	3.2	-	3	37	s
Folkestone	5.6	-	1	34	s	Shrewsbury	-	-	-3	27	c
Glasgow	5.2	-	10	14	s	Skegness	-	-	-4	25	fg
Guernsey	4.2	-	4	39	c	Southend	X	-	1	34	b
Hastings	5.3	-	1	34	s	Southport	-	-	-3	27	fg
Hayling I.	3.7	-	2	36	s	Southsea	2.8	-	1	34	s
Herne Bay	X					St. Ives	X				
Hove	4.1	-	1	34	b	Stornoway	2.4	-	1	34	s
Hunstanton	-	-	-2	28	fg	Swanage	0.6	-	3	37	b
Ilfracombe	0.6	-	4	39	c	Teignmouth	-	0.04	3	37	c
Isle of Man	1.0	-	2	36	c	Tenby	X				
Jersey	3.4	-	2	36	b	Tiree	6.4	-	3	37	s
Kinloss	3.5	-	-3	27	s	Torquay	-	0.08	3	37	c
Leeds	-	-	-1	30	c	Tynemouth	X				
Lerwick	0.3	0.36	3	37	sn	Ventnor	4.3	-	3	37	s
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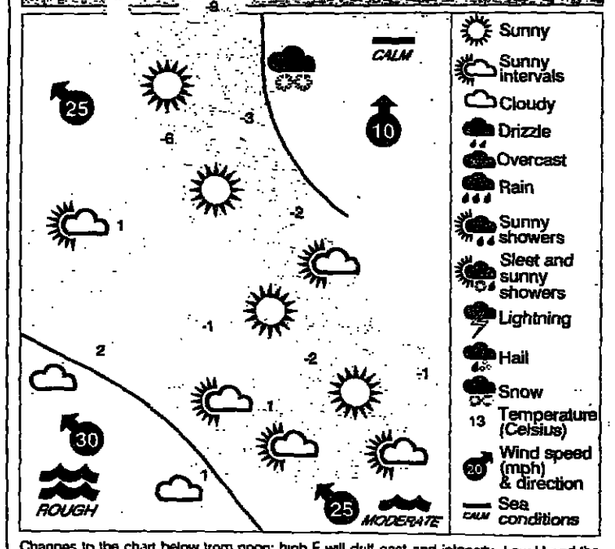
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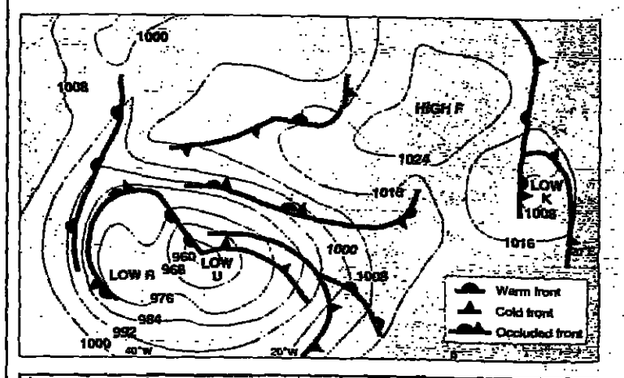
Ajaccio	12	54	f	Corfu	15	59	f	Madrid	11	52	f
Akrotiri	19	66	s	C'phagn	-3	27	sn	Majorca	18	64	s
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Dublin	2	36	s	Malaga	19	66	f
Algiers	20	68	s	Dubrovnik	10	50	c	Malta	19	66	f
Amst'dm	-1	28	s	Faro	17	63	f	Melb'rne	18	64	c
Athens	17	63	f	Florence	8	46	f	Mexico C	12	54	f
B Aires	28	82	s	Frankfurt	-4	25	s	Miami	17	63	f
Bahrain	17	63	s	Funchal	19	66	f	Milan	5	41	f
Bangkok	27	81	s	Geneva	-2	28	c	Montreal	-6	21	-
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	19	66	f	Moscow	-19	-2	s
Barcelona	12	54	f	Helsinki	-11	12	s	Munich	-5	23	sn
Beirut	19	66	s	Hong K	19	66	s	N Delhi	18	66	s
Belgrade	-4	25	s	Innsbruck	-7	19	s	N York	0	32	c
Berlin	-5	23	c	Istanbul	15	59	f	Naples	14	57	r
Bermuda	15	59	f	Jeddah	28	82	s	Nice	9	48	f
Biarritz	14	57	f	Jo'burg	22	72	f	Oslo	-15	5	s
Borde'x	10	50	c	Karachi	25	77	f	Paris	-1	30	s
Brussels	-5	23	s	L Angels	18	64	s	Peking	-1	30	s
Budapst	-3	27	s	L Palmas	22	72	s	Perth	27	81	s
Cairo	18	64	s	Le Touet	-1	30	s	Prague	-8	18	s
Capo Tn	28	82	s	Lisbon	17	63	f	Reykjavik	-4	25	f
Ch'church	24	75	n	Locarno	3	37	c	Rhodes	17	63	f
Chicago	-2	28	f	Luxembg	-4	25	s	Rio de J	33	91	f
Cologne	-3	27	c	Luxor	24	75	s	Riyadh	16	61	s

Rome	11	52	f								
S Fr'isco	11	52	s								
S Paulo	22	72	c								
Salzburg	-5	23	f								
Santiago	30	86	s								
Seoul	3	37	f								
Sing'por	26	79	f								
St'kholm	-11	12	s								
Strasb'rg	-3	27	s								
Sydney	21	70	s								
Tangier	18	64	f								
Tel Aviv	18	64	s								
Tenerife	24	75	s								
Tokyo	7	45	s								
Toronto	-8	21	c								
Tunis	17	63	s								
Valencia	19	66	s								
Vanc'ver	4	39	c								
Venice	4	39	s								
Vienna	-5	23	s								
Warsaw	-11	12	s								
Wash'ton	1	34	s								
Wel'ngton	18	64	f								
Zurich	-6	21	c								

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: high F will drift east and intensify. Low U and the associated Low R should remain slow-moving in mid-Atlantic. Low K should move east and fill



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6:39	6.7	7.27	6.6	Leith	8:14	4.8	8:38	4.9
Aberdeen	7:08	3.7	7:05	3.8	Liverpool	4:25	8.1	4.52	8.2
Avonmouth	0:03	11.5	0:35	11.4	Lowestoft	2:02	2.3	3:52	2.1
Belfast	4:46	2.9	5:08	3.1	Margate	5:03	4.4	5.49	4.2
Cardiff	–	–	0:24	10.3	Milford Haven	11:47	6.1	–	–
Devonport	11:12	4.8	11:48	4.5	Newquay	10:40	5.8	11:16	5.4
Dover	4:05	6.1	4:45	5.6	Oban	11:23	3.2	11:33	2.9
Dublin	5:22	3.6	5:34	3.8	Penzance	10:11	4.8	10.49	4.5
Falmouth	10:54	4.6	11:29	4.1	Portland	11:43	1.6	–	–
Glasgow	5:47	4.2	6:12	4.2	Portsmouth	4:39	4.4	5:00	4.0
Harwich	4:48	3.7	5:32	3.6	Shoreham	4:28	5.6	4.53	5.2
Holyhead	3:47	4.7	4:04	5.0	Southampton	4:07	4.1	4:32	3.9
Hull	11:59	6.3	–	–	Swansea	11:49	8.1	–	–
Ilfracombe	11:23	8.2	11:49	7.7	Tees	9:27	4.6	9.41	4.1
King's Lynn	11:49	5.4	–	–	Whitn-on-Nze	4:46	3.8	5:33	3.7

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 8.06 am
Sun sets: 3.59 pm
Moon sets 12.30 am
Moon rises 11.54 am

London 3.58 pm to 8.06 am
Bristol 4.09 pm to 8.18 am
Edinburgh 3.45 pm to 8.44 am
Manchester 3.57 pm to 8.25 am
Penzance 4.27 pm to 8.21 am

Full moon January 5

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